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From Porter Robert L. Lawhorne
2510 Van James Street
Jacksonville, Florida
November 17th, 1941

Mr. Thomas T. Patterson
Adjuster of Claims
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Patterson:

After I wrote you during the month of January of this year concerning my grievance of being discharged on Rule #60 and #61, a committee of local Brotherhood called at my house and arranged a hearing with the local District Superintendent, Mr. J. K. Breaux.

At the hearing, I presented my doctor's statement and statements by my wife and mother who waited on me during my sickness and also a statement by porter McClendon who wrote and signed that he did overhear porter White turn in a statement to the signout man about some porter who was sick but he did not hear the name of the porter that porter White said was sick.

Mr. Breaux did not seem to be interested in the evidence I turned in and he took most of the time lecturing about my domestic affairs concerning what he said my wife had told him when I sent her to get my check during my sickness, and when he read the statement from my wife he declared that it was not worth anything because it was not what she had told him.

Everybody at this hearing was quiet listening to Mr. Breaux and I wondered whether this hearing was for the purpose of airing my domestic affairs or to adjust my grievance. I therefore rose to say something in my self-defense and as soon as I attempted to speak, I was ordered by Mr. Breaux to leave the room and my committee encouraged me to wait outside which I did.

I stayed outside until my committee came out and when they did come out they told me that they were the ones who were representing me and that I did not have to say anything at all, and that is all the satisfaction they gave me concerning my grievance.

I then called on Mr. Breaux and he told me that he thought it necessary for me to stay off the job for a while and to see him later, and the last time I called on him he told me that my case was now out of his hands and there was nothing he could do for me because the whole thing was now in the hands of Mr. Gibney in Chicago.

I still believed that my grievance was a small matter which would soon be straightened out and I therefore, a few days later, wrote to Mr. Gibney in Chicago, but failed to get

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a reply from him. Then one of the local Brotherhood officials advised me to go to Chicago to see Mr. Gibney, but I was not able to afford such an expense and therefore could not follow up the advice.

Then I took it upon myself to write to Mr. Lively in Atlanta, Georgia which used to be the Zone District, and the letter which I wrote to Atlanta was referred to Mr. O. W. Snoddy.

From this time on, a lot of correspondence was carried on between me and Mr. Snoddy and when he came down here he granted me a hearing and on his return to Philadelphia, he wrote me to deny my appeal. He referred me to Mr. Vroman and this kept on until Mr. Vroman wrote to tell me that "there is no further appeal provided within the Company's organization." This letter was dated Sept. 30, 1941.

I hope Brother Patterson, that in my poor way of writing you, I have been able to give you a general idea of the whole situation concerning my grievance. I hope you will understand how difficult it is for these fellows down here to back another Brother in trouble, especially when they have to come face to face with a white official who knows how to keep them on his good side.

May I also add, Brother Patterson, that on one of my trips down to the District office, I found out that the local district office knew that I was running around getting up written statements from the other Brothers who knew that I did turn in a statement by porter White and that I was sick in bed.

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On this particular day, the signout man called me to one side and had a talk with me and gave me what he called sound advice and in his talk he told me that there is nothing going on among Pullman Porters in colored town that the district office does not know and they(at the district office) don't have to go nowhere to get it. He further said that they knew I was running around trying to get statements but that I would never get them. This turned out to be very true because since this time none of the Brotherhood here seem to know anything at all about my case.

Another time, I happened to meet porter White on the street after I could never catch him at home to get the written statement from him, and on this particular day he called me off to one side and told me that Mr. Breaux had called him into his office and told him that if he(White) still wanted to work for the Pullman Company, to avoid giving Lawhorne a statement and if he did not care to work for the Pullman Company anymore to go ahead and give Lawhorne a statement and he would find himself in the streets with Lawhorne and Sherry Williams.

Now Brother Patterson, I can, within ten days mail to you a complete statement of facts of my grievance giving dates and all, together with copies of my letters to and from the Pullman Company officials. I can also furnish notarized evidence of several statements by responsible witnesses who are witnesses that I was a sick man and unable to get out of bed to report for duty. I can also furnish copies of written statements signed by two Pullman porters who went with me to porter White's house and they witnessed that porter White did say he turned in my statements and that he did promise to give me a written statement which later he was afraid to give me and never did.

I do believe that with all of this evidence that I have that my grievance is now worthwhile enough to call your attention to it and to request your interest because I have always believed that it is such cases which the Brotherhood up north is always ready and willing to present before the National Railroad Adjustment Board.

I look to hear from you at your earliest convenience and will look forward to your instructions as to the next step to take.

Your faithful servant,

/s/ Robert L. Lawhorne

Please note: The city changed the name of our street from Johnson Street to Van James Street.

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Mr. Thomas T. Patterson, Adjuster of Claims
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

As pastor of the Lawhorne family my interest was first attracted to porter Robert L. Lawhorne's discharge from the Pullman service when his widowed and dependent mother approached me a few months ago and invited special closet prayers of our community-wide Universal Closet Prayer Band as also clerical assistance of our Social Service Department on behalf of her son who is her chief support.

In explaining his case to me, brother Robert L. Lawhorne at first seemed to think that it was a simple one and would soon be settled by the higher Pullman officials and he also felt that it was not of sufficient importance to warrant the crowded attention of his Brotherhood Officials at headquarters. He, therefore, merely desired what clerical assistance he could get in the typing and filing of correspondence and data pertaining to his case.

But it now appears that he has carried his grievance as far as he can go within the Pullman organization and he sees no other recourse than to appeal to you for the presentation of his case to the National Railroad Adjustment Board; and I do believe that his evidence and documentary data are sufficient to prove: (1) That he was a sick man and physically unable to report for duty, and; (2) That he did send in two verbal statements by a pullman porter within the time limit specified in Rules 60 and 61.

From what I have been able to learn from this case, it is my firm opinion, Mr. Patterson, that the policy pursued in the discharge of brother Lawhorne, if not arrested, is one that is likely to set a precedent and eventually affect many another Pullman porter in these parts, at a time when our race can ill afford to suffer additional numbers to our unemployed ranks.

There is now a principle involved and this principle as I see it, looms far above any other personal considerations one might entertain for or against the individual Lawhorne personality. There seems to have been no due regard given to the weight of his evidence and proofs other than a subtle, deliberate purpose of disposing of a porter whose years of creditable service have become, perhaps, too many to be compatible with the Company's interests.

Being, so to speak, an outsider and ignorant of Pullman policies and mechanism, I am the more intrigued to observe the strange angles that have developed in this case and I briefly submit a few here:

Firstly, the evidence of a porter is ignored and he remains discharged. Secondly, another set of evidence which he presents to his Zone Superintendent becomes misplaced in the hands of the said official and is declared lost on Pullman premises, and the said porter remains discharged. Thirdly, some of the brother-porters who at first so willingly cooperated with their brother suddenly become uncommunicative clearly indicating an Uncle Tom fear an act which, to an outside man, betrays the very Brotherhood Principles which they are expected to uphold. Fourthly, another Zone Superintendent in denying this porter's appeal, definitely states in his letter that the **star** porter-witness denies all statements accredited to him thus deducing that some intimidation if not pressure has been applied frightening said witness to appreciate, for the sake of his job, the convenience and advantage of ever knowing anything about this case anymore.

I have for years followed with keen interest, strong faith and moral support, the pioneer, militant leadership of such men as Mr. Randolph and yourself and other brave warriors of the Pullman Brotherhood and I have made it a point to attend your public meetings or appearances when in this city; I cannot bring myself to believe that, despite the weakness of the local setup, the Brotherhood Officials at headquarters will overlook a case of this kind.

I have placed our clerical staff at the disposal of brother Lawhorne awaiting such instruction and orders as I am sure you will give in the arrangement and preparation of his material to be forwarded to you for your action on same. In the meantime, brother Lawhorne has, very wisely I think, refrained from any undue publicity of his case and has preferred to go about it as quietly as possible until otherwise instructed by his Brotherhood Officials at headquarters.

With sentiments of highest esteem and regards, Mr. Patterson, Your humble servant,

/s/ Rev. E. B. Nyombolo

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January 7th, 1942

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Dear Phil:

I am enclosing copy of the agreement with the Atlantic Coastline. It is necessary to give you some explanation as to why we did not adhere strictly to your orders.

The train porters, attendants and maids on the Coastline were neither paid by mileage ~~nr~~ hours, but by so many trips per month. Some runs made 20 trips a month, some 30 or less, but the highest monthly hours made on any of these trips did not bring over $18.00 in increase to the porters, while some were as little as $12.00. It would have been alright if we had had any agreement with the Company before where the regular men would receive $24.00 or $22.80 per month in regular assignments whether they made the 240 hours or less.

After thinking the matter over, we decided that the $20.40 increase for train porters and the trip increases as shown in the enclosed agreement, would be the best for all concerned.

We discussed the question of payment of employes on the mileage basis and also writing an agreement in order to set up grievance machinery, etc. We discussed the difficulties that were met by the employes in order to gain a fair handling of disputes, and in all, Mr. Sibley seemed sympathetic.

During our first conference, Mr. Sibley stated that beyond the raise indicated, he was not willing to establish any mileage rate that would create additional cost to the Management, and on that matter he would stand pat, because if in making this adjustment there was added cost, then the employes would be getting two increases at once.

During the second conference, after having given the matter some thought the previous night, we suggested that the mileage of the various runs should be computed and divided between number of runs, which from the information that we had would range between five and six-thousand miles per month per run. From that we would be able to arrive at basic pay per mile.

While Mr. Sibley did not disagree with the method suggested, he said it would take a great deal of figuring and we should postpone the writing of an agreement for a later time; at the same time we should select our grievance board so that the Management would only deal with those men who were named.

We gave him such information as we had referring to the grievance of Brother McNair, who was removed from his porter's job and put to work as a mail clerk -- a job that kept him busy for every day in the month. He made notes and promised to look into the matter. It is hoped that he may be returned to his job as train porter.

This of course is somewhat outside our mission, but the men's waiting room and lavatory for Negroes in Wilmington claimed a bit of our attention, and we brought the matter to Mr. Sibley, pointing out how unsanitary they were and pointing out that as patrons of the road we were entitled to at least sanitary conditions which were not represented by the accommodation offered in the Wilmington station. We pointed out that in giving this matter his attention and correcting the obviously unsanitary condition, he would be enhancing the importance of his railroad. He neither seemed surprised nor annoyed, thanked us for the suggestion made and promised to turn the matter over to the health department. I suggested that if proper supervision was given and plenty of soap and water used, the medical expert would not have very much difficulty, and finally told him that it would be a good idea to start a campaign throughout his entire system for more sanitary service to his colored patrons. Whatever may be said to his disadvantage, he is very gentlemanly and shows quite a bit of humane qualities.

You will notice that the agreement was signed on January 4th, 1942, which was a Sunday. This was called to Mr. Sibley's attention, but he said that he had often done that and we need not worry about any disadvantage from that source.

The New Republic returned the article with letter, stating that they were not able to carry it as such, but if I would send it in letter form, they would be willing to consider it. They also said that, in their estimation, Mr. Ottley intended to make no particular comment on the march, but was merely reporting it as a part of the whole story of Negro Morale, and that they believed that I misunderstood Mr. Ottley's position regarding the March-on-Washington movement, and that we were not really at odds. They further stated that it was their belief that Mr. Ottley had no intention of implying "that Randolph betrayed those whom he has always served".

I am not sending the letter, but intend to publish the article in this month's Black Worker.

We are having our usual number of grievances and pending hearings.

The weather is quite cold.

I hope that you and Bennie are having a successful trip through his zone. It will be quite a novelty for his members, because I don't think that you have ever made a trip covering his entire zone.

Things are moving along well, and I believe that the tax will go over without much adverse criticisms. Personally, I have not heard any objections raised to its payment.

In world affairs we seem to be travelling pretty fast. I noticed that the Hammer and Sickle, Bolshevist Emblem of the Soviet Union, was spread as a cloth on the high alter of St. Clement's Church at Islington, England -- what next!

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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January 16th, 1942

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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your recent letter. Things are moving along apace, but the men here are getting somewhat restless because The Pullman Company has not paid the increase. The same restlessness was evinced by the Atlantic Coastline employees in letters to you. Those I have taken care of and from the information received, there is quite some degree of satisfaction among the group.

Many complaints center around troop movements and lack of heat, food and water for the men over long hours. We have taken the matter up several times with the district and zone superintendents and received the assurance that the Company is doing all in its power to correct the bad conditions. That, I believe, is quite true, because orders have been passed down from the railroad companies to their employees to have steam and water on the cars, either in passenger or deadhead service. It appears, however, that the cases will have to be taken up individually because some railroad employees are exercising their prejudices against the Pullman employees, giving them as little steam as possible and that is chiefly done throughout the south and southwest.

We are still getting our quota of cases. Just now Tobias Clark has been charged with almost every imaginable crime. The charges are outlined on two full sheets of paper and are credited to passengers and conductors. Seemingly, the Company is out for his scalp and is charging him with insolence, use of abusive language, exceeding his authority, violating regulations, etc.

Another case is that of J. N. Olthin of Richmond District, charged with insubordination and abuse of a conductor - looks pretty bad for him. Mac will be going south about the time of the hearing and I have suggested his handling it.

Yesterday, Mr. Snoddy telephoned me, saying that he was going to Washington and would settle the case of Shelton in his favor. During his talk with me, he stated he understood there was a factional disturbance between the members of the Organization and asked me if it was true. I told him I did not know anything about it, but if there was, it would not effect the interpretation or application of our Agreement. He promised to send a decision as soon as he reached Washington and he did send me a letter stating that on arrival in Washington he found certain complications which prevented a immediate decision. I wrote him again to the effect that the management had enough time to settle such a simple case and that I must ask him to render a decision at once in order that if there is any necessity for a further step, it would not be unduly delayed. Snoddy is exceedingly unreliable in his promises.

The conference of many organizations to map out plans to aid Negroes, which met here on the 10th, was interesting. Mr. Delaney who was chairman, had an unenviable job. The ministers seemed rather disturbed because they did not represent the lion's share" in the procedure, while the N.A.A.C.P., and the Urbon League definitely did.

It is difficult to hazard a guess as to what may be the outcome of this get-together in its present stage; but the recognition of the necessity for the conference by those who took part is of value. A Continuation Committee was formed to formulate plans for developing a workable instrument in the interest of Negro advancement and if the great objective of service to all Negroes is maintained, much good may accrue from the movement.

Mrs. Bethune made a well organized talk, moving in a logical sequence from a factual basis of conditions as they exist, through methods of correction, to a climax of enheartening spirituality.

Old man "Pop" Williams died yesterday. He was a popular character and we expect his funeral service to be well attended by the members. We are sending out notices for the proposed meetings starting on Monday, as you directed. So far I haven't heard any opposition to the paying of the tax, but, no doubt, there will be some.

Perhaps you have noticed that the war is being brought right to our front door and with it comes a great deal of criticism about the tardiness of the defense program. Much of this criticism is directed against the airplane industry and the types of fighting planes that are being produced. Bethlehem Steel is also credited with a great deal of profiteering. No doubt this exposure will have some value in developing more speed in the proper places.

A cold has been bothering me for the last few weeks, but I am getting back to normal again.

Kind regards.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

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January 27th, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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Dear Phil:

I hope you have gotten rid of your cold by this time and are able to continue your tour. There seems to be much affection from that angle throughout the country and many of our men are off due to colds in various stages of severity.

I notice in the press service of the Workers Defense League that the pamphlet for which your article was prepared was released on January 26th. All during this abnormal period, workers will have a full time job to protect what they have earned over long periods of years and particularly the social gains that have accrued during the Roosevelt administration.

Our meetings for last week were quite successful. There was good attendance each day and the men were enthusiastic and showed definite appreciation of what the Organization has been able to do for them. As I mentioned to you over the phone, a member named Hairston of the New York Central District is circulating a petition asking the men not to pay their assessment until they get proper representation. This is undoubtedly the work of the usual 5th column, but it is futile so far as the payment of the tax is concerned. From the expression of our members and their disapproval of all and any person who would take that attitude, we feel that collecting the tax will be a walk over. Of course we have not done very much at this time, because we have not received payments here, but the men are paying and our friend O. W. Bryan was the first person who paid his tax here and also paid for a years dues in advance. I understand that Hairston is connected with Kendrick and Hightower, so you will know about where to place him.

I have sent in many complaints in reference to deadheading in troop movements with cold cars and lack of water to Mr. Snoddy and Mr. Leach, since they affect men from various districts who may be operating at the same time on a given movement. In self-protection the Management seems quite concerned about this condition because it reduces man power when cold cars, poor food and lack of water affects the health of employes, and they have promised to present every incident to the proper authority for correction.

Recently we have also made some gains in extending release time on two (2) trains to Montreal; we have had an increase of a half (½) a man, making it a three (3) instead of a two and a half (2½) men line.

We do not file formal claims in handling these cases, but write the Management giving them the facts that we have gleaned through our questionnaire, asking them to correct the deficiency of time. They may not grant much time, but fifteen (15) or twenty (20) minutes some times change the entire picture and add more men and we can always go back for more time.

The January issue of the Black Worker will be out tomorrow. Your editorial is a splendid one and came in just at the right time. I notice that the Age carried it and mention is made by P. M. of the stupidity underlying a prejudice that will deny wounded men of a chance to live.

A great victory has been won by organized labor in the formation of this joint labor board where representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the Committee of Industrial Organizations, will meet with the President on all matters relating to labor's participation in the war. Such a step was also taken in England, and labor, industry and the government met in a grand conclave to discuss and decide on procedures of vital importance in carrying on the war. Following these gains it seems such a travesty to democracy to read that another lynching occurred yesterday in Sikeston, Mo., at this time. This cotton mill worker was charged with wounding an Army Sergeant's wife. We can only hope that a country which is an outstanding advocate of democracy will permit a citizen charged with any offense to be tried and punished legally instead of by a mob of savages who are unable to control their emotions, their hatreds and their prejudices, long enough to become respectable citizens. The condition is not a hopeless one, but Negroes will have to continue to be loyal to the democratic philosophy and to themselves in fighting at all times and on all occasions for their citizenship rights under a democracy.

Phil is graduating from Public School. You would be surprised to see how big he has grown. Strangely enough his entire outlook seems to be one of a military nature. His interest is centered in battleships and airplanes. It is just one of those peculiarities that nature produces. If there is anything military about me, I have not been able to detect it as yet.

The Bunch case is up for a hearing on the 18th of February. Lawyer Stevens believes that we will win the case because they have not been able to produce a bill of particulars, and Bunch's lawyer seems to be merely fishing around in order to salvage some pay. Stevens suggested at one time that we could adjust it by paying him a small amount to avoid the application of his nuisance value, but neither of us believe that to be the proper approach to the question.

Stevens went down to Washington on Saturday to meet with McLaurin and the lawyer to handle the firemen's case in Washington.

We have a case today in Richmond where a Brother was charged with insubordination, etc. Since Mac will be in Richmond today, he will take care of that matter. The men were pressing me to come in person, but I am sure that is unnecessary.

The Organization's program is moving along quite well and the men are making more money than ever before; just imagine a porter receiving a check for $146.00 for half a month, and that has nothing to do with the tips he had received. This is one of the dreams that has actually come true.

Seventeen years ago when you stated that porters would get $150.00 per month, the country gasped at the mad man who was permitted to be loose among sane people, and much energy was wasted in trying to place you in confinement. Today you are even permitted to suggest the approach of a "dark cloud" on the Presidential horizon without creating much more than a mild popular sensational ripple.

Don't be surprised to see a Negro loaded down with as many gold lace as a Broadway doorman, in the Navy, in spite of Mr. Knox.

Best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

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January 31st, 1942

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c/o Mr. Chandler Houston
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing for your consideration the letter sent to the Executive Board of the New York Division, which is self-explanatory. This is a very important question to workers and will affect seriously the Negro workers because the majority use the subway to reach their work. Your opinion of what should or what should not be done in this case, would be appreciated.

On the 27th I sat on the longest hearings of any case that we have had. We went in at 10:00 A.M. and completed the hearing at 7:30 P.M., with 30 minutes intermission for lunch. It was the case of Porter Tobias Clark. Whatever may be his short comings, this case represented all the elements of viciousness that are practiced by certain officials in industry. It also shows that there is a "black listing circle" that is being maintained against any porter that happens to fall in the bad graces of some of these petty barons, and the circle runs from the Pullman officials, including assistant superintendent, Pullman Conductor, ticket seller, passenger agent, etc. Prejudice and the desire to reduce the porter to a thrall in favor of the Pullman Conductor, is evident at every step. There were about 6 charges, and the narrative of the matter is too long and too complicated for any synopsis to give you a fair understanding of what occurred; I shall wait until you return before talking on the matter. However, I may say that so far as I am concerned, I am in an "all out" fight against the policy.

I received a letter from Alexander of Mobile in reference to certain changes that have been made in the operation of trains that were used on the Gulf-Mobile and Northern Railroad. Two (2) trains, 21 and 22 have been discontinued and consolidated with the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. On train 15 and 16 running from Mobile to East St. Louis, they are using Alexander and Watson as attendants.

We did not write attendants in our contract since there were none at that time. The old agreement may not be changed until March 16th, 1942. Will the employes coming under the scope of the agreement be entitled to retroactive pay for the increase granted by the Mediation Board, to operating and non-operating employes, whenever we negotiate with the Management for this group of employes?

I had a letter from Mac stating that he expects to return here today. He seems to have had quite an interesting time in Washington at the White House Conference. Mac does not hold out much hope in the case of Brother Olthin of Richmond.

The same man who handled the case of Clark was the one who handled the Richmond case.

I am sending you under separate cover, copies of the Black Worker for November, December and January. Unfortunately we have not been able to send out the January and December copies before because of the necessity for the correction of the lists. No doubt Miss Johnson had a list by which she could work, but in the change made, the list could not be handled by any one who was not familiar with her system, and Miss Childs is making a general computation which may be used even if changes in employes becomes necessary.

Things are moving along in good shape.

Kind regards.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

Pat.

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March 2nd, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Mr. S. L. Bennett
2040 Mt. Hermon Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Phil:

I hope you are enjoying your trip through the south and that both you and Web may be able to get some time to relax in the sunshine and flowers.

The meeting of the Catholic Interracial Council was quite interesting. The meeting was well attended and there was a great deal of discussion. In fact, it extended over an hour beyond the scheduled dismissal time. I have been asked to meet a select group at a breakfast some Sunday morning; including some dignitaries. They seem to be quite earnest in creating better relations between the races. The task is a big one.

I am sending a draft of the letter to the new porters, attendants maids and bus boys. You can make such corrections as you see fit and return it so we will be able to send it out to the prospective members.

About five of our members were hurt in the head-on collision of two of the crack trains over the Seaboard Air Line at West Palm Beach. Fortunately, the most serious damage was a broken arm.

Brother Westmoreland from the Montreal Division called here to inquire whether or not he would get the increase in pay that has been given to other Pullman porters. The Company has not paid them any increase and the brothers feel rather downhearted about it, since the Canadian-Pacific and Canadian-National railroads give bonuses to their employes whenever there is an increased cost in living conditions. Although the increase was received under an American law, it seems that The Pullman Company would give these men some increase, since they are employed by a company having its charter in the United States and the business is controlled from this country. At any rate, I would like to get your opinion on the matter and it may not be a bad idea to send some information to Brother Smith so that he will be able to give these men a clear understanding of what they may or may not expect.

The secretary of Judge Himmel called up today to find out about your jury service. He hung up before Miss Facey was through talking with him, so I got in touch with Mr. Stevens and he got in touch with the court and called back saying that everything will be O. K. He will go down tomorrow and take care of it.

The men are still paying their tax and matters are moving along in good shape. The Black Worker for February is out and I have suggested to Miss Facey to send you some copies. Mac has gone to Baltimore, but I expect that he will be back here tonight. The weather has been quite nice for the last few days for which I am thankful.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Pat

Pat

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April 15, 1942

Dear Phil-

The meeting at the Survey Graphic's office was interesting enough. Represented in color were Messrs Carter, Locke, Pope & myself; in white, Kellogg, Weybright, Becker & quite a few others.

The question centered around the scope of the general article to be written. Should it be centered on discrimination against Negroes in the U.S.A. or should it include treatment of all nations-non white. The latter approach was selected. The other articles would deal with special conditions like the colored firemen's case, etc.

Doctor Lock" seems rather a learned person & outlined a well thought out program under the Caption of "The Negro in National & World Democracy". Sub-heads would be: (1) National Scene (2) The Caribbean Front, (3) The Pan-American Front (4) The World Front, (5) Getting Democracy's House in Order.

There was evidence of those who believed that mass production in war materials is the major factor in winning the war for democracy. I timidly disagreed and offered the opinion that democracy in action was the first approach to Success. Production & more production would follow almost automatically.

Brother Totten's unscientific, undemocratic & unholy approach to efficiency in hiring girls was quite marked in this fashionable case. This young lady's very existence trampled on the bulwark of egoism upon which his paternally despotic monarchy is founded. The reaction was inevitable. What you approached with unseeming levity was quite serious – an empire was threatened.

Mrs Caspar White placed her case in the hands of a lawyer. The case, I understand, is to be called soon. I am expected to attend as a character witness of the deceased. This no doubt for the purpose of fixing the amount for a person~~al~~ of outstanding work.

The "Marcel Movement" moves forward. We have headquarters in the Theresa.

Will keep in touch –

Sincerely
Pat.

Patterson

April 24, 1942

Dear Phil—

I had a letter today from Miss Spencer who tells me that neither girls who was helping Miss Johnson is back to work & the Black Worker is still not finished as promised to the Postal authorities.

Whatever is necessary to get out the papers should be done. I am suggesting that Miss Johnson scout out another girl for temporary work.

Nixon ask that Pharr be permitted to help him with cases scheduled for April 22 — (4 of them). Miss Spencer wired consent in your absent as well as Mr Totten's. I believe that is best since there seems no other way to get aid.

Boston has some cases & I am urging Stone to go forward with them. One is alleged insolence of porter to an inspector, the other is alleged gambling with soldiers on a troop train.

I wish you would give some thought to the using of C.A. Johnson somewhere whenever the opportunity presents itself. He is a good man, with a methodical as well as versatile mind.

It is cold today—enough for a fire and I am near a stove.

Sincerely

Pat!

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April 22nd,
1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o G. C. Garren
227½ S. Rampart Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Phil:

Miss Facey brought me the enclosed letter which is self-explanatory. A similar one has been sent to Messrs. L. D. Stone, D. A. Crawford and Champ Carry. The Labor Board, Washington, D. C., was not excluded.

We pass lightly over the action of a weak brother. It speaks for itself.

The Machiavellian perfidy and evil machination of the Company, as represented by Murray, McCaffrey, Hoy, King, Instructor Sassar and Porter Pattise, evidently a "Stool", reflects as outstanding a case of faithlessness under a faithless system, as labor history records.

Superintendent Murray met and spoke to me when I visited his office on the day of the hearing. I told him that Dawson had not kept his appointment with his committee. Mr. Murray said nothing. Later he asked me, while I sat in the porters' room talking with Oglesby, if I would like to wash before the hearing. I declined. During all this time, Dawson was closeted with McCaffrey. I believe Dawson's statement.

Seemingly the action of the management, particularly that of Sassar, savors of intimidation of the employe and discrimination against members of the Brotherhood. May I suggest that you write Mr. Carry and refer to the letter of Dawson; not particularly in the interest of Dawson, but to show the method adopted by the management in handling the case.

Hope you are having a successful trip.

I wrote to Mr. Sibley in behalf of Porter Brown of Savannah, who was discharged, and sent him the papers on the case. Brown made statements about the train conductor and flagman that may interest him in the improvement of the service. Hope we have some success.

Sincerely,

Pat.

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April 27th,
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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227½ South Rampart Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent by Alfred Baker Lewis to Brother McLaurin, which is self-explanatory. I met him one day last week with Mr. Crosswaith and he discussed the matter with me and I promised that I would send his proposals to you if he would get them together and send them in. No doubt the Committee could be improved if these proposals were carried out, but it is also likely that there will be much governmental opposition to additional expenditure.

I regret to inform you that Brother Roberts has had a stroke and is in rather a critical condition in the Harlem Hospital at this time. The necessity of putting another man in his place is quite pressing and if Mills would accept it and if his clerical ability is equal to the occasion, he may make a good man.

Tickets for the Mass Meeting have now been printed and are being distributed. I understand that the Ministers' Alliance had a mass meeting today and Ervin made a splendid talk there, eliciting thunderous applauds from the ministers. He is a good man to arouse the emotions of men and the preachers are quite used to that psychology.

Casper White's case is up for trial. The Company is using every kind of low tactic to get out from paying a large sum. I understand that they are willing to go as far as $15,000, but a Jew lawyer is trying to get about $25,000 for her. Totten was a witness today and expects to go back tomorrow. I need not say anything about the dramatization of his testimony. From his own report, he embarrassed The Pullman Company's representatives and their lawyers quite frequently and made a super-man out of Casper. I hope that they will be able to get a large sum for the wife.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Pat.

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P.S. Mrs White was awarded $20,000
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April 30, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o J. W. Jackson
1515 Waco Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Phil:

Dick Thomas was here a few minutes ago and requested me especially to ask that you will let him have your itinerary and just what you are doing in your trip through the South. He also wishes you to let him know what your plans are as far as the Madison Square Garden is concerned and also the general program of the March on Washington.

This he would like you to send to him for publication because anything that you do at this time is news and the papers are very anxious to get some remarks from you from time to time. If this is done weekly it will be highly appreciated.

My regards.

Sincerely,

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May 5, 1942

Mr. A. P. Randolph
c/o L. F. Flaggs
907 Iowa Street
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Phil:

Thanks for your recent letters. I am glad to hear that your trip through the South is successful, and that the people are waking up to the necessity for action in gaining for themselves a greater share of democracy.

The March to Washington Movement is getting along pretty well. We have all the elements present for a successful mass meeting. The only necessity is proper direction and proper coordination. The tickets are being given out at the present time. We sent a thousand to the Abyssinian Baptist Church, and I expect the sales will be quite good from now on. I am keeping the tickets here and issuing them as they are requested by Mrs. Carrothers.

I noticed that Rev. Harten from Brooklyn has issued leaflets proposing a meeting at Yankee Stadium, Abbotts Field, or some other spot, whose intention is similar to that of the March. He has a nine-point program, advertised as the largest gathering of Negroes that has assembled since the creation; and calls the organization "Democracy For All Committee." No date has been set for the meeting, but it is evidently in opposition to the March to Washington, and the information carried on the leaflet is that the date will be set later.

This reverend gentleman, whose face depicts duplicity in excelsis, roared out vociferously at one of the March to Washington meetings, and promised cooperation to the extent of the entire universe, only to fall so suddenly like Lucifer. It is unbelievable, but he evidently understands that, for in the corner of his leaflet he writes: "If thou canst, believe all things are possible to him that believeth".

A. P. Randolph
May 5, 1942

Brother Johnson of Ashville has been placed under probation for carrying concealed weapons. Stevens believes that he will be able to free him entirely in a short while. Another brother, Addison of Albany has also been charged with carrying concealed weapons, and Stevens is handling his case. Stevens believes that he will get him freed. The gun was just bought at Miami, and he had it in his brief case and left it in a taxi.

The dance was a very fine affair, although I understand that much money will not be made. One would hardly come to that conclusion by looking at the crowd; but no doubt the sales are not as large as on past occasions.

Madam and Phil beg to be remembered. Kindest regards

Sincerely,

Pat.

Pat

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May 15, 1942

Mr. A. P. Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Mr. M. P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

I received a reply from Mr. Sibley in regard to Brother Alfred Brown, who was discharged from Savannah, Georgia. He has upheld the decision. While Mr. Sibley did not state that he found Brown guilty, he mentioned that he did not find it consistent to change the decision of the Officials of that Division.

There seems to be little to be done in these discipline cases where there is no agreement; and we will just have to wait until such time as an agreement is signed with the Atlantic Coast Line people.

The March-on-Washington Movement is making steady progress, and the spirit of the Movement is spreading quite definitely. Seemingly, this is the Movement that will mean more to the Negro people of this Country, and, for that matter, of any other country, than any movement of this century. It is universal in its intent; and the very simplicity of its structure, and the breadth of its scope are elements of great strength and power.

The Brotherhood's Ball was quite a success. There were not as many persons there as in the dances of recent years, but the harmony was unusually striking. There was also less evidence of imposed spiritualism than we are accustomed to seeing. As an example, I noticed no one aiding the radiator as a heating apparatus, nor did I notice any entranced gentlemen trying to pick flowers off a lady's hat. Quite a few visitors came from out of town Divisions. Brother Cain, from Tampa, was there, and spoke at great length on your last visit to that city.

We are having the usual number of claims and grievances; and a few of these are due to charges of liquor drinking, particularly in the South. Of course, many of the reports are seemingly due more to prejudice than liquor. In one case, the Brother was sleeping before the stove and was awakened suddenly, and because he was not quite coherent he was put in jail, but later released. No decision has been rendered on the case up to the present time. There seems to be also an epidemic of carrying passengers by their destinations. From a study of the cases, it appears that the men are not nearly as careless as they are tired; and in the majority of instances, the porters have other passengers for a particular stop, and will detrain them properly, omitting one man for seemingly no logical reason. I have suggested to our men here that they will use their call cards carefully before arriving at all stops and not trust to their memories. No other solution of the matter presents itself.

Brother Roberts has been ill for some time, and is still in the Harlem Hospital. His condition is quite serious, although there are signs of improvement. We have put Brother Edmundson of the New York District in his place; and I believe that he will make a good man. He is serious, honest, and sold on the Organization and its program.

I will be looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Pat.

Pat

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May 16, 1942

Mr. A. P. Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
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4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

I have just had a call from Mr. Leach in reference to the letter that was sent by Dawson of Boston to Mr. Carry, Mr. Crawford, and yourself. Mr. Carry has requested him to have a conference with me, and he would be pleased if you were in town to sit in on it. I suggested that the conference should be postponed until your return, but Mr. Leach did not want to wait.

Evidently the exposé of the Management's method is not pleasing to them, and the purpose of the conference is to deny that they were a part of such low procedures.

I will confer with Mr. Leach on Monday. May I assure you that I shall not make it comfortable for him at any time, for I am going to express my opinion that the Management simply carried out a program that is quite often applied in dealing with the Organization by these local men and that it does not tend toward any harmonious relationship between the Organization and the Company, in spite of the fact that the Officials in Chicago openly state that the Organization has proven of great value to the general improvement of the service and the morale of the employees.

Best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

Pat

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June 18, 1948

Dear Phil—

There are moments in the lives of all great leaders when they seem to stand alone. These moments mark culminating points in their career & are the test of their future usefulness.

You have just passed one with flying colors & may I take this moment to express the pleasure it has brought to me & to congratulate you on the passing of a great test.

You may sometimes believe that I am failing you—that is not so—you will have to trust me, Strange as this may seem, the quite unlettered Billy Mills was the only person who caught the significance of a great moment and I may point out that he is the descendant of a root race — the Red Men.

Financially the movement seems to be doing well. It is 11 a.m. and I have collected forty dollars - five is a sponsorship of O. W. Bryan.

Very best wishes

Sincerely

-Pat.

Patterson

1208 E. 20th Street
Los Angeles, California
July 14, 1942

Mr. T. T. Patterson
217 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Pat:

I am now in Los Angeles, and contrary to the opinion of the people out East, the Japs are not dropping any bombs, and the people are going about their business apparently just as unconcerned about the war as the people in Harlem and on Broadway.

Now, I understand there has been some difficulty in Washington, D. C. Brothers Massey, Calloway, and Smith have charged that the conduct of the election is unconstitutional, and, instead of the president appointing three tellers who are not nominees to have control of the ballot box, the Secretary-Treasurer has sole control of the ballot box, and carries it home at night. I have declared the election null and void and ordered it stopped immediately. I have also ordered a new election to begin July 21, and I have asked Billie Bowe to go to Washington as my special representative to supervise the election so that the returns may be ready for Brother Totten by July 31.

From all indication the conference of the N.A.A.C.P. promises to be interesting and constructive. Delegates are arriving from various parts of the country.

I got a letter from William Pickens advising that he was at the office and that a photograph was taken of Totten passing the check of $25,000 to him for government defense bonds.

I wrote Dr. Erwin to have the printer get you the proof to present the petition on race discrimination for you to read before they are printed. We want the petition absolutely correct. We have planned to get a 100,000 printed. This is going to be quite a cause for the March On Washington Committee. I have suggested they arrange to pay the printer as they need them so that they will not use up all the funds right away.

I wrote the Atlantic Coast Line for a conference of Negroes to agree on the working rules for train porters, attendants, and maids. We may hear from them any day now. We will arrange to have the conference upon the return of MacLaurin from his Southern trip.

The National Mediation Board has designated a mediator to handle the representative election for train porters, attendants, and maids on the Sea Board Line. Negotiations on this matter began July 10. I sent MacLaurin to handle them, but since Mac Laurin goes South for the Colored Local Firemen with Attorney Stevens, I have requested him to get Grandenson in Richmond to work with the mediator on the election. I hope there is no trouble about this matter. I hope you will advise Miss Settle what to do. I will be here in Los Angeles up to the evening of July 26, and then I go to Denver, and will be there fifteen days, and from there to Chicago. I expect to remain in Chicago about two or three days. Then, I go to St. Paul and from St. Paul to New York. You may reach me here at the Brotherhood Headquarters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Phillip Randolph

Patterson

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July 18th,
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Mr. Harry Armstrong
1208 East 20th Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Randolph:

At Mr. Patterson's request, I am enclosing the schedule of the time and places of the elections being held in connection with the representation of the Seaboard Air Line train porters.

Very truly yours,

Grace Spencer
Secretary

Enc. #1

## Elections

### Seaboard Air Line Train Porters

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| (1) | Richmond Va. | July 20th, 1942 | 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. |
| | | " 21st " | " " " " |
| (2) | Atlanta, Ga. | " 22nd " | " " " " |
| | | " 23rd " | " " " " |
| (3) | Jacksonville,Fla. | " 24th " | 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. |
| | | " 25th " | " " " " |
| (4) | Tampa, Fla. | " 26th " | " " " " |
| | | " 27th " | " " " " |

Patterson

Richmond
July 20, 1942

Dear Phil -

Your letters to New York reached me here. This is a hot spot and everyone has a realistic approach to what the famed "Trenches Hell" may mean.

Mediator Branson is here to handle the election. I reached some men yesterday and have notified Red Caps, Station porters and others to spread the news of the election. The Station Master claims that he has notified the train conductors to tell each porter when & where the election will be held.

We are working in the Superintendents' office and will be here until the 21 leaving at 5.35 for Atlanta. I believe the election will be kept at Howell a junction point

in the vicinity of Atlanta.
We leave there on the 23th for Jacksonville. On the 25 we leave for Tampa completing the election on the 27th. The counting of the ballots will be in Alexandria on August 1.

Now we have about 109 men throughout the system and 69 have signed authorization cards. The original plan was to have the election by mail. The plan was changed and only those men who are unable to vote in person will receive mailed votes. This change I believe will affect the election if we cannot get to all the men quickly & we are doing all we can to get the message to them.

Mr Bronson has promised that he will send votes to all who do not come in to vote, but does not want this to get out to the men.

It is regrettable that Washington did not carry out the instruction of our constitution in the election.

I talked to Bowe about his supervision of the new Election & am confident that he will walk the straight path with caution.

It was quite a surprise to me to find Faulkner elected as president of Philadelphia. He is a very contentious type. Perhaps the combination of Phillips, Faulkner & Wilson may turn out well.

In Norfolk there was a bit of grumbling about the election. It was carried out under the strict supervision of Moffat who was a nominee. However ~~every~~ the names on the ballot ~~——~~ running for office covered the membership but for 3 men & they were not available as tellers. The members agreed to the procedure of handling the election & since the Constitution said that the tellers should be chosen from those who were not nominees "if possible" there was no reason to make any changes.

Sharp is president, Moffat ~~vice Presid~~ Sec-Treasurer & & J. E. Waters vice-President. ~~He~~ It is a pity that Johnson does not seem to be in the good grace of the men, because he is intelligent & well-liked by the influential people in Norfolk. He is the best man for the Grievance Board & has quite a bit of courage. I will keep you posted.

Best wishes — Sincerely, Pat

Patterson

Richmond
July 21, 1942

Dear Phil -

The heat here has subsided somewhat and whatever is left here looks like a premature last rose of summer.

The election is getting along very nicely and I believe we will get the necessary percentage. Those who have already voted are expressing an air of superiority over their less fortunate brothers that is quite intesting.

Totten sent me news last night of the tragic death of T. H. Smith. He is hot-headed and sensitive, but did a fine job for the Brotherhood when it took courage to do so. I feel assured the brothers will give him an impressive funeral.

Dr Irvin did not seem to know much about the petition. Miss Settles thought that you had made corrections + sent it to the press and some copies were already printed. I left without finding out about it.

Kirk, Pullman instructor at O.T. has been here for five months, hiring new men. The company is using their old tactics and Kirk is bad medicine for any progressive idea for Negroes.

I am told that he instructs all the new men not to join the Brotherhood. He no doubt is doing it, but it is hard to get the proof without incriminating a young and uncertified employe.

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Anyway I put Kirk on the spot and told him what I had heard. Of course he denied it but he will have to be more cautious now. He goes into the homes of these men, snoop around and try to tell them & their wives what to do. All because of the power to recommend hiring or firing.

The S.A.L. ballots will be counted at Alexandria where they are being deposited in the Post Office on August 1st. Myself or another representative will have to be present.

I am glad to know that your trip is interesting. I will keep you informed on our progress — Sincerely

Pat.

Patterson
To File

Atlanta, Ga.
July 22, 1948

Dear Phil -

We arrived at Atlanta today three hours late. We closed the poles with 20 men voting in Richmond and Mr Bronson has mailed ballots to those eligible who have not cast their votes.

I have got in touch with some men here by phone & they have promised to reach other men.

Mr Breaux, Pullman Superintendent in Jacksonville told me this morning that he received official notice that the Pullman Conductors have now gone in with the train Conductors Union. It seem to be giving him some concern.

I personally believe that this move will not help the porters, but will greatly help the Pullman Conductors. Their power will be doubled and they will find themselves in a position to ride the porters more effectively.

The weather is a bit cooler. We are holding the election in the Station Master's office and it is equipped with powerful fans.

For a vegetarian, the Southern meals, when not in private homes is quite reprehensible.

Best wishes to you

Sincerely
Pal.

Patterson

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Jacksonville
July 25, 1942

Dear Phil -

This is our last day in Jacksonville - We leave tonight for Tampa. It is necessary to have 55 men voting in order to make an election in its legal phase; we have voted fifty already. Out of the fifty-five we need 29 to make a majority & we ought to have more than that already. Then Mr Bronson has sent out a number of votes by mail & the returns will no doubt give us a nice margin.

The Jacksonville group is by far the most alive ones

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I have met so far. They came out and helped to round up the members and Lyons & Watson made house to house canvassing.

Bennett spent a long time visiting me. He is over-run with grievances, but seem to be doing quite well.

The weather is hot as blazes here and it is quite likely that I will not get a berth from here to Tampa.

I argued with the cracker until he loosened up a bit & promised to attempt to see if anything was available. That was more than he intended to offer me. The trail of a Negro in this benighted country is a tough one. In passing a news stand today I noticed the headline of a paper which said "Randolph Steals the Show". Now I don't know what you have been stealing lately, but anytime a man can beat these bandits black or white, he is good. Congratulations & best wishes Sincerely

Pat

Patterson

August 4, 1942

Mr. T. T. Patterson,
Vice President
New York Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Pat:

I was glad to get your reports on the elections for the Seaboard Airline porters. I suppose you haven't got the final returns yet. But, no doubt, the Brotherhood won. At least I hope so.

I know it was extremely hot down south. It was hot in California, except it is cool in the evening.

I will visit St. Paul August 10th and 11th, for conference with the Soo Line on the in charge pay for porters and remain there for a meeting with the porters. From there I shall return to Chicago and go to St. Louis for a conference with the Illinois Central porters on the 13th and remain there for the big Public Meeting on the 14th. From there I shall come back to Chicago and return to New York.

We want to plan to get the Atlantic Coast Line and the Gulf-Mobile contracts fixed up and we will work on that when I return.

Everything goes well.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Phil:

As you will note I am now back in the office having completed the Southern trip. Generally, the employees showed a great deal of interest to have this election won.

There were three men in particular who did all in their power to get the men out to vote. Mose Coppage, Lyons and Watson.

On Saturday, August 1st I went with Mr. Bronson to the Post Office of Alexandria, Va. to see the ballots and came back to Washington where they were checked.

There were 109 employees qualified to vote, 90 of these voted. 88 cast their ballots for the organization and 2 ballots were voided because they were improperly filled.

This is quite a success for the organization. I believe that the men who didn't vote were away on trips, or may have changed their addresses.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

T. T. Patterson,
Vice President,
New York Division

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P. S. I am enclosing
Mediator's
Certificate.

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August 5, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

Yesterday, young Leach of the Industrial Relations Department, son of the New York Zone Superintendent, went to Hoboken to interview Brother C. A. Johnson in reference to signing for instructions and re-instructions. Johnson, with my consent had advised the men in the New Jersey Division who were called in on spotters' reports to sign for instructions or re-instructions, when requested, with the statement that they were signing for general instructions.

This seemed to have disturbed the Management a great deal; and Leach stated that Johnson had refused to sign for instructions and re-instructions, and the Management had prepared a case against him for insubordination. However, Leach stated that the Management was reluctant to bring this case against him, and would not do so if he would sign the form as the Management requested, without his additional statement.

Johnson wanted to know if Leach was interviewing him as a representative of the Brotherhood, or as a porter; and Leach said that he was doing it from both angles, and stated that whenever the Company received the signature of employees on one of these forms it was placed against the record of the employee.

This, as you probably will recall, is contrary to the promise made by Mr. Larry to me when we conferred some time ago on the Mapp case, in New York. Perhaps, you will also recall that at the recent conference with the Board, when I asked him why he had not given me a written statement concerning his promise, he replied that he was waiting to see what his superiors had to say about this matter. He has never confirmed this stated promise in writing.

Leach also told Johnson that often in preparing cases for the National Railroad Adjustment Board special agents' reports are used.

Johnson did not agree to sign the form, as presented by the Management, since he recognized the fact that it was being made a part of his service record and constituted a penalty; and further informed Mr. Leach that no conference was ever held, as suggested by the Board, between the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Management, in order to adjust the difference in interpretation as to whether this signing for instructions or reinstructions constituted a penalty.

I thought you would like to get this information and discuss the matter with Brother Webster, before returning here.

Things are moving along in fairly good shape. Best wishes. A copy of the form used by Johnson is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Pat.

Thomas Patterson
Vice-President
New York Division

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cc - Mr. M. P. Webster, Chairman
International Executive Board
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Patterson

Dear Sir:

I hereby acknowledge re-instruction on general service features, as of above date. I will make every effort to comply.

Respectfully yours,

Pattison

August 6, 1942

Mr. T. T. Patterson, Vice President
New York Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Pat:

I received letter addressed to you from Brother S. L. Johnson of Norfolk requesting the appointment of Mr. J. E. Huntley to serve on the Grievance Committee.

When I return around the middle of August we can get together on the appointment of the Grievance Committee. I won't get back until that time.

I hope you and the family are enjoying the best of health.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

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2809 Queen St.
Portsmouth Virginia.
Aug. 1st. 1942.

Mr T.T.Pattersson
Vice Pres. New York Div.
Brotherhood Of Sleeping Car Porters.
217 West 125 St.
New York City. N.Y.

Dear Sir.

After we held conference with you while you wre in our city, I find after making a thoughly investigation of our set up conserning the grievanse committee in the Norfolk Div. I would recommend that Bro.J.E.Huntley be appointed to serve on that committee with myselfe. I am sure that he more able represent the Brotherhood in case that we should have a hearning than any one else that we have here in our local set up.

I am very interested in who we have here in the Norfolk Dist to go before the Company to repursent the Brotherhood in handlicing grievanses. So I am requesting you in making the appointment to appoint Bro. J.E.Huntley to serve on that committee with myself Everything is moving a long nicely. Trusting that I may received an early reply in regard to this request.

Respectfully Yours Truly
[illegible] Johnson
Johnson
Norfolk Div.

Copy to
MR Mr Randolph
Mr B.F.McLaurin

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August 10, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

Supplementing the materials I sent you today, I am enclosing a letter which is self-explanatory and which offers another reason why this matter should be dealt with at an early date.

May I also add this information received from Brother W. F. Buford, who was on this trip. He found the reading lights on his car out; and on investigating, found that the fuses had been removed. In checking with the other porters, he found that their fuses were also removed and placed in the electric light lockers.

This has never been done in the hauling of white soldiers, and there seems to be a definite desire to humiliate Negro soldiers by this representative of the Pullman Company.

Sincerely yours,

Pat.

Thomas Patterson
Vice-President
New York Division

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OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN

Seventy-sixth Coast Artillery
A.P.O. 1283 - San Francisco, California

August 4, 1942

Mr. D. A. Crawford
Pullman Car Company
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Crawford:

On July 29, 1942, a troop train composed of soldiers of my regiment were traveling by pullman from Burbank, California to Pittsburg, California. A number of the soldiers saw copies of the inspection report made by Conductor W. Lowery which read to this effect: "Clean Cars thoroughly used by Colored Troops". Such a slur is not used when other troops traveled, not even when a trainload of members of the Axis races, and furthermore, I have been informed by a number of the porters that our men were expecially clean and left little or no litter on the train.

Moreover, the Conductor's general attitude seemed to be one of hostility toward the men having pullman accommodations. I would suggest that since such trains must have Conductors, that men be selected who are more kindly disposed toward members of the Negro race than to write such statements as Conductor Lowery wrote—one of which copies I have in my possession.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur D. Williams
Captain, 76th Coast Artillery
Chaplain

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Same letter to Mr. L. R. Armstrong, Zone Superintendent
Pullman Car Company
San Francisco, California

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Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your letter of August 6th, referring to the suggestions made by Brother S. L. Johnson of men to serve on the Grievance Committee of Norfolk.

While I believe that Brother Johnson, himself, would be the best selection, I do not know enough of Brother Huntley to offer an opinion as to his fitness for the place. Brother J. L. Bryant is now a member of the Committee, and so far as I know, he is a good man.

To avoid difficulties, the suggestions coming from Brother Johnson should be made by the president; and I shall suggest that to him in replying to his letter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

Thomas Patterson
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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Dear Phil:

I am enclosing a copy of a statement of Brother H. E. Leftwich of Washington, which is self-explanatory.

In looking over the statement, it is my conclusion that Brother Leftwich was a bit troublesome and created much of the difficulties that he met. However, the matter is a serious one and appears to require some general action by the Organization, if serious difficulties between the conductors and the men are to be avoided.

You will note that the chief difficulty was caused by attempted chiseling by the Management. In the Conference in Chicago with the Company, it was agreed that no deductions should be made for day time sleep on soldier movements. In this particular case, the Company attempted to give the porter eight hours sleep in the night. When the conductor gave the order, at 8:45, to the porter to make down a car in an hour and a quarter and be ready for bed at that time, 10 p.m., he was ordering the impossible.

The porter should have taken the matter up on his return, rather than attempt to fight it out with the Pullman conductor. On the other hand, the Pullman conductor took advantage of his position and applied all the prejudices of the South to gain his end. It is obvious that they had nothing against the porter, when he was released from jail without a fine.

A. P. Randolph
August 10, 1942

It is necessary to have the Pullman Company issue a general order to the Pullman conductors, who have these men in charge, who take advantage of the location through which they are passing to vent their personal feelings and expose the porters under their charge to the tender mercies of a vicious South.

A copy of the statement is being sent to Brother Webster. I should like to hear from you on this matter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Patterson
Vice-President
New York Division

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August 4, 1942

This is a copy of the statement sent to Mr. C. T. Stewart, Supt. Pullman company by porter H. E. Leftwich of the Washington District.

I was porter on car 2358 Line Special from Norfolk, Va. enroute to Homestead, Calif. Leaving Norfolk, Va. August 2nd 1942, at 1:30 P. M. The conductor boarded the train and deposited his luggage, and proceeded to inspect the train. And when he returned, he told me to be ready to receive on arriving in the camp. I replied "I will, you won't have to worry." He stated, "I don't like your attitude, and don't speak so short.

Things went well until a quarter of nine that night. The conductor told me to make down the car and have it ready for the sailors to retire at ten o'clock P. M. I replied that it was impossible for me to make down and have the car ready for them to retire at ten P. M. He stated that you are due off duty from 10:00 P. M. until 6:00 A. M. I further stated that it was impossible to do all my work and go down at ten o'clock. The conductor replied that he didn't care if I didn't get but six hours.

Shortly afterwards the conductor left the car. I left also going to Porter Wilson's car which was several cars towards the rear, to offer him a piece of pie. As I started back to my car, I met the conductor. He said to me, "If you don't get back in your car and stay there, I am going to unload you." I replied, "That will be alright, as you previously stated that you did not like my attitude. and I walked back to the car.

Afterwards Wilson came through my car and asked for the pie that I had offered him. I gave him the pie and he was going to talk to the conductor about the eight hours when he finished making down, and he went back to his car. After I had finished making down, I returned to Wilson's car and found all the porters on the train in his smoker. They had suggested that Porter Burns go get the conductor, bring him to the car in order that we might talk to him about the eight hours, and see if the hours could be divided four at night and four during the day, instead of the eight hours straight. When the conductor returned, he read rule number 4 of the Porter's agreement, and said that he would take it up with Mr. Lively, Supt. of the Atlanta District, when we arrived the next evening, Porter Wilson said to the conductor, "If you can get another porter, I would like to be releived." And the conductor said to me, "I thank you for getting the porters together to revolt." and I am expecting a whole lot out of you on this trip. I said to him that I would do a porter's part and he walked away, and everything went well until we got to Newman, Ga. the next day.

I got off the train and drank a cocoa-cola across the street, and when I came back, and closed the trap and turned around the guards and the conductor were on the platform. The conductor said to me, "This is the United States Navy orders. You should have your car made down by then o'clock and retired." I told him that we had discussed that the previous evening. He said to me, " You are quarantined in your car for the duration of this trip. I asked that I be permitted to get down at the next district which was Montgomery, Ala. And he siad to me, "Get down." So I asked if I could get porter Wilson to verify that statement. He said that I couldn't get anybody and I am direct from Mr. Carry's office, and I'll tell Mr. Carry about you, and he will tan your A----

The conductor told the guards to not let me pass, and if I tried to use the stick. I asked the conductor, "What kind of orders are these? and when had the Pullman Company issued orders to the Pullman conductor authorizing passengers

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to hit the porters? The conductor replied, "Wait until I get the Lieutenant." He also said to the guards, "Don't let him leave from the platform until I get back.

When he and the Lieutenant returned, it was the first time that I had seen the Naval officer during the entire trip from Norfolk, Va. to Newman, Ga. Walking up to me, the Lieutenant caught me in the collar, and said, "Nigger what's the matter with you? Get back in that car, and pushed me into the smoking room. He told me to sit down, As I did not sit down as quickly as he thougt I should, he slapped me twice, and threatened me with the stick. He said, "Listen Nigger You black S-- B-- I have you down here in the South were a Negro isn't anything that I want, and nothing will be done about it. As he was leaving the car he said to the guards, watch him until we get to Montgomery, and don't let him move. As a parting remark to me he said that he would see that I was pulled from the train in Montgomery, and put in jail, and I would get a year and a day on the rock pile.

Shortly afterwards the conductor came back through the car. I asked him to explain why a Lieutenant was called into this affair as I was neither in the Army nor Navy. I am employed by the Pullman Company and the conductor should do the supervising of the trains. The conductor said as far as I am concerned, I am through with it and I am leaving it in the hands of the Lieutenant. When we arrived in Montgomery, Ala. there were eight or ten officers at the station to remove me from the train. I asked if I could talk to the Pullman official and one of the officers stated, "Nigger you are not going to see no Dm - body and as we started down the platform the agent, Mr. C. L. Eiland told the officers to bring me to the office, as he wanted to show them the statement given to him by the conductor and the Lieutenant on the train. After the officers read the statement, Mr. Eiland suggested that the F. B. I. investigate. One of the M. P's who was with the officers said to the agent, call our Sargeant, and let him read this statement and decide what to do with the porter.

When the Sargeant stationed at Montgomery, came to the Pullman office, the first thing he did was to search me and my bag. He found a pie pan and pie knife, and he took the knife from my bag, and loaded me in a Government truck. He told the guards who were on the truck, "If that negro thries to get away kill him." They took me to the city jail, where they took my cigarets and money. I asked for my cigarets and the jailer snatched me around and told me that I was not going to get anything. Then I was locked up.

Sometime later three policemen came and I was transferred to the county jail, there I spent the night. The next morning I was finger printed. I asked the finger print expert what was the charge against me? and he said there were no charges. Then they returned me to jail again, where I stayed until about 4:00 P. M. Tuesday afternoon. When I was released, I was about three miles from town without funds and lost my way in trying to find town. I feel that this whole trouble was caused by the agitation of the Pullman Conductor. Had he used better judgement and more intelligent supervision I am sure this would not have happened.

Hal. Eugene Leftwich, Porter

Washington District
Washington, D. C.

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Slaughter's Hotel
Richmond, Va.
Sept. 27, 1942

Dear Phil—

We met the B + O people today. They were eight in number, including the general Superintendent. We went over the proposals with the usual discussions, but all in a friendly manner.

Objections were raised about the increase indicated in our proposal, but no lengthy discussion was pursued.

Tomorrow the Company will present their proposals and try to give us copies of the names and addresses of employes of the two major divisions—Eastern + Western—which will be from Stanton to Washington and Hinton to Cincinnati respectively and will be the seniority districts.

Objections were raised regarding the innovation of the mileage system, the separation of grievances and claims and the regulation to carry the seniority of employes who may became officials of the Brotherhood.

We shall press for a continuation of the conference until an agreement is reached.

I shall kept you informed on our progress.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Pat.

Patterson

September 29, 1942

Mr. W. Sharp, President
Norfolk Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] South Armstrong Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Brother Sharp:

Advice has been received by Brother Randolph that you have removed Brothers Bryan and Johnson from the Grievance Board and have substituted Brothers [illegible] and Waters. This has been done without consulting the International President and without his permission. It is his wish that Brothers Bryan and Johnson shall continue to serve on the Grievance Board and he has advised me to send you this information.

The members of the Board are always appointed by the International President and both these men have had experience in that work and the Organization should not be deprived of that experience.

With very best wishes for you and the members of the Norfolk Division, I am

Fraternally yours,

Thomas Patterson
Vice-President
New York Division

TP/eb
cc: Mr. A. Philip Randolph

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513 Cedar Ave
Mobile, Ala
c/o Alexander
Oct. 5, 1942

Dear Phil –

We have just completed a day from 10 a.m to 6 p.m, with Mr Lauten, a Lawyer + another official.

So far we have made very little progress. Mr Lauten has raised the question of how the Caffey group will consider our existing agreement for attendants, Busboys. + Stewards.

Attendants do train porters + buffet work, Stewards do train porters, attendants busboys + train porters work + busboys do same of all.

Patterson

This condition occurs because of the working condition which does not permit the use of more than one man on an assignment.

This duplication of jobs is quite a problem & unless we can prevent the Carrier from using the men as at present, it is like a Chinese puzzle. On the other hand can we force the Carrier to change their method of operating another class of employe, who were hired before we wrote a contract,

Then there is the question of Coffey putting up a howl if an attendant or any of the other groups mention who do in part train Porters is represented through agreement by the B. of. S. C. P.

Tomorrow we may

attempt to show that if Coffey intended to claim jurisdiction he would have done so in the wording of the last agreement. He did not although the attendants etc were already hired in many instances. Send me your opinion on the questions. It is quite warm here.

I will keep in touch with you -

Best wishes.

Sincerely

Pat.

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October 11, 1942

Dear Phil -

We have come to an agreement with the G.M.&O management and the articles are being drawn up for signature. We hope to leave on Tuesday. Our proposals were not all accepted, but we are far in advance of the last agreement.

To insist on the 240 hours or less was found impractical under the working conditions of the Company & we finally agreed on the basic month of 240 hours with pay for all ~~overtime~~ excess time, but no overtime. A minimum pay of $96.60 for men of 210 hours per month or less; over 210 hours would be at straight time of 46 cents per ~~month~~ hour for ~~train~~ Sleeping Car Porters & Buffet-

Helpers and 51 cents for Steward-cooks.

Our former hourly negotiated rate was 30 cents, the present one is 46 cents so a substantial increase is gained.

We were also able to get 5 months back pay increase covering time May 16 to October 16, the proposed date of signing new agreement. at $22.80 per month ($114). This $22.80 was the arbitrary figure given employes of this railroad by the Presidents Committee.

Every technicality was raised to outlaw this increase and you came in for quite a bit of attack. We found methods of defence which were effective. That Coffey group only received 2 months back pay increase. The fact that there are two agreements covering different classes of employes whose work overlap for in instances, made it difficult to negotiate without encroaching on the other fellows territory. Another class (Train Attendants) has been added & Coffey's [illegible] Coffey was sent for by the Management & he telegraphed back that unless the Management would send him his fare he would not come. We had refused to meet him & told the Management that it was their headache. His reply did not boost him in their estimation and we took occasion to give them a sly dig pretty often.

The men have received more time home, reduced cost in food, less work etc. On the whole we managed to fight in quite a cordial manner and our mutual relation is much improved. Lawlen has Larry skinned. He is very clever & most technical.

The question of overtime should be handled when we were fighting on a more limited front. It should be our next major offensive

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In my estimation the employes of this little railroad have a bright future. The management is wide-a-wake & progressive.

They have the first bid for a contract combining transportation of Air, ~~land~~ Railroad & bus & their equipment at present are second to none. The big "Rebel" is a dream & it provides the best "jimcrow" car for negro passengers.

It may be necessary to use stewards in the commissary department in the future. If that time comes they have agreed to ~~hire~~ advance negroes to the position. That is being a "Rebel".

A meeting of the "March" movement is scheduled for today. I have 9 cases awaiting me in New York. Johnson of St. Louis is held in Richmond without bail for raping a colored girl. Brad. wired you about him & I was handling case before I left New York. I hardly think we can afford to do much in this case, if the facts are as stated. Hope you are doing well — Pat.

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October 26, 1942

Dear Brother Randolph —

The increase proposed - $50. - meets my approval as it affects all International officers, mentioned in attached letter, except the International President.

It is my opinion that the time has arrived when there must be a differential between the International President & other officers of the organization in wages. Therefore I am suggesting a yearly salary of Six thousand dollars ($6000) for the International President.

Fraternally,
Thos. Patterson.

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November 16th
1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

I did not send any letter before this because I thought you would be home soon, but your telegram to Miss Settles seemed to infer that you will be out for a longer period than you planned.

Professor Leiserson and the Princeton students did not visit here as indicated by your telegram, although I remained here until 7:00 o'clock. Friday, a student visited the Organization and said that since he was not able to be present when the other students came, he was advised to make the trip. We talked for quite some time on the policies of the C.I.O. He was very much interested in finding out if the C.I.O., maintained, throughout the Organization, their claim of non-discrimination against minority groups and particularly the Negro. So far as I am aware, the policy is maintained except in isolated cases, such as in Detroit and Tampa. We also discussed the general policy of the Brotherhood, its reaction on Negro organized labor and our belief that a great many of the ills that Negroes suffer at this time may be corrected by the organizing of Negro workers in the trade union movement.

It is surprising that the A.C.L. people have not replied to your letter as yet. One begins to wonder if it is their purpose to attempt to buck the Organization. In our contact with Mr. Sibley, that was not apparent, although there was every evidence that he had a very astute mind and like all men who achieve a position as his, there was that steel under his quiet and polished manner. There is the possibility also that the railroad is aware of the fight that is being waged in behalf of the firemen and is moving cautiously in everything they do. The claim that I filed in behalf of Attendant Wise of the A. C. L., for reinstatement, has not been answered by the management, although Wise told me that Mr. Hall, to whom the letter was addressed, informed him that he had heard from me.

Mr. Vroman turned down the case of Brother Watson of Philadelphia who was discharged for striking a passenger. This man spent forty years in the Pullman service and it seems a disgrace to discharge him for this act. There were two extenuating circumstances in the case. One, the Management was to blame because they did not give him a diagram of the sales in his car before he left Buffalo and the argument with the passenger was the outcome of this neglect and two, the passenger insulted and abused him. This passenger happened to be a Virginia "cracker."

The series of meetings that we had here were very successful. The decision rendered by the Board on the spotter's case was quite stimulating and on each day there was a healthy crowd.

Unfortunately, the trip that Mac made to Richmond was a useless one. For some reason or the other, the Management sent the porter out on his run, although it was understood by the local officials, through a letter from me, that Brother McLaurin would be down there to take care of the case. It is again up for hearing and I have sent down instructions as to how it should be handled.

I am having more cases than every before, but they follow the same pattern in the majority of instances - carrying passengers by. I am not even using a stenographer to take the minutes. They use their own stenographer and I accept the minutes with whatever corrections I choose to offer after checking.

The Pullman Company paid for the thirty days that Attendant Howell was held out of service on that outstanding spotter's charge. Howell, as you probably know, is in Seaview Hospital recuperating from tuberculosis. In fact, he took ill during that thirty-day period and has never been back to work. I received a letter from him today, stating that the Company sent the money.

The winter dance seems promising. The boxes, I understand, have all been sold.

Hope your trip has been quite successful. Kind regards.

Fraternally yours,

Pat

Pat

TP/gs

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December 9th,
1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o G. M. Harris
2565 East 40th Street, #142
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Phil:

I am sending to you Brother McLaurin's article for the Black Worker. In my opinion it is controversial in parts and may not have the best effect on either the March-on Washington group or the Brotherhood.

Please decide for me whether you want it published or not. in its present form.

Sincerely,

Pat.

Pat

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Enclosure

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# THE PROBLEMS OF THE ORGANIZER

By: B. F. McLaurin,
Int'l. Field Organizer

In the past few months there has been considerable discussion about Brother Randolph, his relationship to the Brotherhood and to outside activities. At the same time I have heard little discussion or comment about how these same individuals might help strengthen the organization and associate in these outside activities, since I feel that all the interest of Randolph are inter-related with our struggles for a better life for workers in general and Negroes particularly. Needless to say, most of these comments have been directed at the time and consideration given the March On Washington Movement. It would appear that some of us got the idea that there were no other forces that helped to make the Brotherhood a success except the agitation and efforts on the part of the Pullman porters. While it is true the Pullman porters has as their first obligation the building of power, in order that this power might be used as pressure to force certain concessions from the Pullman Company it is nevertheless true, that were there no other Trade Union except the Brotherhood, the chances are there would never have been any such efforts made to organize Pullman porters. Certainly not at the time when most Negroes were opposing the effort.

Pressure is important but along with pressure must be used the other important weapon - enlightened public opinion. As for an example, the most powerful Trade Union Movement known to the world today was the German Labor Movement, but with the rise of Hitler the entire Trade Union Movement was destroyed. Does one submit to the theory that there be no outside activity whereby making it possible for the reactionary Republican tories and the demagogue Democrats that recently destroyed the Anti Poll Tax Bill, shall go on unnoticed on the problems of the Negro minority as reflected in the second-class citizenship accepted by the Government that breeds bigotry, race hatred, segregation, discrimination, and race prejudice? Verily, I say unto you, inventory must be taken in order that we will not lose sight of the fact that even though the organization of Pullman porters have reached the same heights over a period of 16 short years that other organizations have reached through a half century, the fact still remains that Pullman porters are

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constantly encountering on the Pullman cars the same vicious race prejudices that the most lowly encounter in the lowly lands of the South.

Reasons for Outside Activity

The first reason for outside activity grows out of the fact that as Trade Unionists we have one problem. The problem of securing the job and maintaining the organization. But being a Negro trade unionist there is an additional problem - the problem of being colored.

Secondly, there cannot be a disregard for the forces of reaction that seeks to destroy even the remnants of the Trade Union Movement. It might be remembered that shortly after the recent election, big business, speaking through a reactionary Congress, attempted to emasculate the 40 hour week. A few weeks before, 50 bills had been introduced attempting to emasculate the National Labor Relations Act. Were it not for an enlightened labor leadership who recognized unity within the Labor Movement and these friends inter-related, the story might be quite different today.

Thirdly, the Negro masses need a mass movement, the Brotherhood can never become a mass movement because ~~of its~~ limitations under a jurisdictional prudence. Therefore, the organization renders service to the Negro and to the democracy that we strive for in helping to build a mass movement. Our leader, with clear vision, stamina, courage, and determination, recognizes and gives expression through his true leadership ~~of~~ in the of building a mass movement in order to enhance the position of the Brotherhood to give standing to the Negro and to destroy the false philosophy of white supremacy.

Fourthly, those of us who have experience in the labor movement recognize time and time again the need for mass action. As an illustration, the Executive Order No. 8802 is directly responsible for this outside activity. This Executive Order necessitated the Government to organize the Fair Employment Practice Committee. On this Committee sits two Negroes who have to do with formulating policy. The only two Negroes in the entire Government so positioned. Of course this is not the point. The point is that because of the outside interest the Executive Order was secured and when it began to do effective work other outside activities on the part of other

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agencies and forces sought to destroy its usefullness ~~and~~ both because we lack sufficient mass action, the Fair Employment Practice Committee was, for all practical purposes, sabotaged by being transfered to an arm of the Government reeking with race prejudices, and under the supervision of a man whose political ambitions does not permit him to be spiritually fitted to baffle with the kind of problems that this Committee must Solve. For the past few months the Committee has been marking time in the hope that the very same persons who feel that Randolph is giving to much attention to outside activities might be able to organize mass action in order to restore the Committee to its original position.

In fairness to my position in this matter may I point out that because Randolph is the International President of the Brotherhood we should not expect to own and control him "body and soul." While it is true we are constantly fighting for shorter hours and better working conditions for workers we are responsible for, there has been no consideration for the responsibilities that we encounter. As the agent of improving your lots I feel that we can do the job of maintaining the Brotherhood and rendering sufficient service to its members and at the same time build the March On Washington Movement as an expression of our larger desire for equality of citizenship and for security, not alone for the members of our organization but for all workers, particularly the Negro workers. Lets do it Now. It will not be easy, but we can we must, we will do our part.

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December 16th
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o W. J. Thomas
1126 Wheeler Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Phil:

The enclosed letter, addressed to you, is self-explanatory. Before writing you, I talked to Mr. Stevens in order to find out whether he would be able to handle the case from here, if necessary, or would he be able to suggest some proper person to take care of it in Jacksonville if you decided that you would suggest a lawyer to Mrs. Jones. Mr. Stevens said that it would be necessary for him to have more information regarding the railroad on which Brother Jones was killed and find out whether there is a connecting railroad to his district. In that event, he would be able to take care of it personally. If not, he may be able to suggest someone.

It is not quite clear to me whether Brother Bennett expects the Organization to shoulder the expenses of the lawyer or whether Mrs. Jones will do so and would like you to suggest a capable one.

The March-On-Washington Movement's dance was quite nice, but the attendance was not sufficient to bring in any revenue. It is doubtful whether it will be able to clear expenses.

Things are moving along okay. Best wishes.

Fraternally,

Pat.

Pat

TP/gs
Enc. #1

Patterson

[1942]

T. T. Patterson
217 W. 125 St
New York City

Mediation Board wires representation ~~of Sea~~ question of Seaboard Air Line train porters needs Brotherhood representative immediately — at Norfolk, Va. — Ask Miss Settles for facts — I want you to go there or send Billy Bowe today. Wire Cole of Mediation Board, who will be there — Important

A Philip Randolph

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

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January 4th,
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am fully in accord with your position, as outlined in your letter of January 2nd, to write the Pullman management and other carriers for conferences to negotiate for increased hourly wages, in line with the action of railway unions representing non-operating employees.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas Patterson

Thomas Patterson
Eastern Zone Supervisor

TP/gs

January 27, 1948

Mr. Thomas T. Patterson
Supervisor of Eastern Zone
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Room 217
New York, N. Y.

Dear Pat:

May I advise that you have each Local Division of your zone secure rosters of the porters, attendants, maids, bus boys, train and chair car porters posted as of January 1st, 1948, and send me a copy for our records in the International Office.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ee

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Jan 8, 1943

Dear Phil -

The Seaboard officials asked for time to study our proposals and so we concluded our conference on Tuesday.

The officials we met were Messrs Schaefer and Regan. The conference was, so far, quite harmonious. They asked questions on the proposals + we answered. We asked their positions on many conditions and they gave us their versions. Watson + Lyons were there to assist. Coppage came after the close of the sessions, due to bad train conditions.

There is much interest shown by all the men we met in Richmond and other places.

Mr Regan claimed that no letters of acceptance in reply to the proposed date for conference, from you and they had discussed the question of giving the date to another group. We also raised the question of the proposed increase for non-operating employes. They agreed that the matter would be considered in the next conference, but expect to get a letter from you.

I am suggesting that you will send copies of the letters registered to the General Manager -

We are lost someplace between Norfolk & Richmond - Petersburgh to be exact. The weather is bad, evidently a storm has damaged the wires & no information of the train we are waiting for has come through.

We had a conference with the Norfolk Division group last night at the hotel.

The factions are childishly opposed to each other and spend time and energy to discredit their opponents actions and encompass their destruction, chiefly by foul means.

After showing them the fallacy of their respective position & getting them to forget their petty jealousies & shake hands for the good of the organization, they complied (with marked reservations). Then they left for home & spent the balance of the night writing proposals of general extinction which was presented to us as we started to leave for the train.

The Vice President has been promoted to Porter Instructor. We told him he would have to resign & he agreed to do so.

We suggested that their

Board would select a man for the vacancy & present the ~~[illegible]~~ selection for certification by the members at the business meeting. This to be done after discussing the question with you & sending the opinion ~~to~~ the President.

Their idea of handling grievances is purely unholy. No attention is paid by Management & men to the agreement. These matters we took care to review quite thoroughly & suggested that they will follow instruction & send all grievances & Claims to me.

Some time ago you agreed to get the opinions of the Vice-Presidents on the Signing of passes for instructions or reinstructions after dealing with spotters' reports. Did you write them. If you have not I would like you to do so. as soon as you are able.

Food and lodging in Norfolk is deplorable. The whole commercial Negro population has graduated into banditry aggravated by discourtesy. I go to Washington for Friday & Saturday. Sunday to Tuesday will be spent between Baltimore & Philadelphia. Home Wednesday

Sincerely - Pat

Patterson

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February 9th,
1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Your letter of January 27th, requesting that rosters be secured from each division in the eastern zone, is acknowledged and the matter will be taken care of as requested.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas Patterson

Thomas Patterson
Eastern Zone Supervisor

TP/gs

February 10, 1943

Mr. T. D. Patterson
Supervisor of New York Zone
217 West 125th Street, Room 217
New York, New York

Dear Pat,

Find enclosed letter which is self-explanatory.

Kindly write this brother concerning his case. It may be that if you wrote to the station master of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad it might have the desired effect, pointing out that this porter is being unjustly treated.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Feby. 15, 1943.

Dear Phil-

I am enroute to Mobile, having started one and a half hour late. The weather is bitterly cold and no one can boast any great degree of comfort even in-door.

We shall attempt to retreat from the entanglement of the requested closed shop, by whatever avenue is left unpatrolled by the "cracker".

We will stop on the way home at Montgomery & Atlanta. Dixon seems to be having trouble with the Pullman Agent there and I will attempt to deal with matter if possible.

In my last hearing in New York Central, I requested the Management to postpone the hearing and have the Conductor present whenever called again. They refused, but I would not continue since the Conductor made statement against the porter that he was seen selling Whiskey to soldiers in Gulfport Mississippi. The porter denied it, stating that the soldiers were drunk when the came on the train, had plenty whiskey & seemed to have been getting it from some source. not from him. Rule 51 gives us the privelege to "question all witnesses giving testimony in the case". It does not say documentary testimony or personal testimony and since there was nothing further that I could get from the porter it is my opinion that the Conductor should be produced & not hide behind a letter. The Company then wrote the porter to be at the hearing on the 17th. I wrote them to send all correspondence to the representative & not to the employee. We will have to fight back or we will lose ground. Will keep in touch with you. Sincerely

Pat.

Patterson

Philadelphia
March 25, 1943

Dear Phil-

The Washington trip proved quite good. The meeting - men + women - was well attended and the audience quite responsive. The group is evidently doing quite well.

The Philadelphia conference was also good and Hartley made notes of all that was said. No doubt the company will have to kick in. Hartley says he is referring the claim to Chicago. He is 99% bluff.

We had a fine meeting with the men

Faulkner is doing a good job and the men are working with him. Both Wilson & Philips are doing good jobs. It is surprising to note how much of harmony appears all around.

I succeeded through the Pullman Company in getting a berth from here & will leave on the 12.05 train – The Panama Ltd. which gets me in Rocky Mt in good time.

Kindest regards

Sincerely

Pat.

Patterson

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Mobile
Feb. 17, 1943

Dear Phil-

We concluded our conference for today with the signing of the ~~fact~~ enclosed Memorandum of agreement.

Attorney General Biddle, at the request of President Roosevelt for an opinion on the question, rendered a decision against the validity of Negotiating a closed shop under the Railway Labor Act, December 29, 1942. This was published on January 6, 1943 and seems to be a fair rendition of the act.

Mr Lantin flatly refused to accept whatever decision is reached in settlement by the confrees other than the memo outlines.

and I believe this is fair enough since we can come back whenever we see fit to do so.

We were able to get promise of back pay for some buffet-helpers who have been used as Steward cooks and got information on the method used in figuring back payment increase.

The G.M.&O business is on the increase & there has been much improvement in the dining car department, creating new jobs and some step-up.

On the whole these people act much more decently than the Pullman company.

We leave for Montgomery tomorrow. We met Nixon yesterday & we propose seeing Pullman Agent Eiland to get him straightened out.

Mac has arranged for an M.O.C.O. meeting tonight.

The weather is fair but cool for here. I hope you have survived that icy blast that reduced my departure from New York to an undignified rout.

Sincerely
Pat.

Patterson

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February 23rd
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Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

I received a letter from Brother Gregory of Tampa, stating that he has been requested by The Pullman Company to become a porter-instructor. The letter did not say whether the job would be temporary or not and at first he refused to take it, but the men seem to think that it might be a good idea for Brotherhood men to be used as instructors. If this position is temporary it may not be a bad idea for him to do the work. If it is permanent, no doubt he would have to be relieved from his place as president. Please give me your opinion at once. I am writing Brother Gregory to get information as to whether the position is permanent or temporary.

It seems as if Sharp does not care to have Waters resign as vice-president and I understand that he has written you a letter to that effect. We have nothing against Brother Waters, except that if he is to keep the position of instructor, he cannot maintain his membership in the Organization. If it is temporary, I see no reason why he could not remain a Brotherhood man since the job is just for a season. Your position on this matter will be appreciated.

The trip to Montgomery was interesting. I met the agent, Mr. Eiland, and instead of being the fire eater I expected, he was quite apologetic; settled all the grievances and claims that the men had raised and promised to do all in his power to work with the Organization and further promised to aid the men in case they get into difficulties. He was evidently quite afraid, but the result of the conference was satisfactory and he said that the porters were very fine men and he had faith in them.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Pat.

TP/gs
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March 3rd,
1943

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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your letter of February 27th, with information regarding porters being made porter-instructors. I have written Brother Gregory as regards your suggestion. I shall also send the information to Brother Sharp in reference to the resignation of Brother Waters.

Recently, the Pullman Company has issued an order to porters to again ride the camp stool. This, I believe, should be taken up with Mr. Carry. If we permit the Company to carry out their purpose in this instance, they will continue to encroach more and more on the better working conditions that we were able to gain for the men. In my estimation, porters should not be required to ride the camp stool for several reasons: (1) It is a health hazard. There are more men, at this time, suffering from arthritis and various types of pain than ever before, which seems directly traceable to the present inperfections of the air-conditioning system on the cars. There is no doubt as to the great value of air-conditioning, but it has not yet reached that stage of mechanical perfection where the operation of some features do not adversely affect those who are constantly working under the system. (2) The men are working harder than ever; they are having little rest and should not have to sit up with their backs against cold steel and in the aisle where they may be the victims of drafts and lowered temperature and vitality, especially during the night.

The Company is taking advantage of the war to put over ideas they have had in mind for a long time. They are very much annoyed over recent favorable decisions on spotters' cases in favor of the Organization, and are putting into operation a lot of conditions that will make life on Pullman cars very disagreeable to the employees. In the New York Central District they have hired about sixty or more inspectors and throughout the country the conductors are given the opportunity of accepting these jobs. The alleged reason for the epidemic of inspectors is because of the recent murder of a woman on the train, who was supposed to have been killed by a cook. Incidents will happen from time to time, but they are not sufficient to change an entire system - to the disadvantage of employees - that has worked satisfactory over many years and the employees should not be expected, in the face of the long hours that they have to work, to undergo the added discomfort of the return of the camp stool.

May I suggest that, if you agree with it, you will take this matter up with Mr. Carry before you return to New York, if possible.

I understand that we have an appointment with the Baltimore & Ohio for the 12th of March and, no doubt, we will be getting returns from the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line representatives pretty soon.

I am writing the Atlantic Coast Line representatives today to ask for a conference relative the discharge of one of their porters, Charles Petway, because of an alleged dispute between a junior porter and the newsbutcher, over a question of liquor.

We are having quite a snowfall today. New York weather is acting true to form.

I shall look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Sincerely yours,

Pat.

Pat

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York Hotel
Baltimore Md
March 17, 1943

Dear Phil -

We met the officials of the B & O today - R. L. Harvey Chief of Bureau of wages & working conditions and C. E. Mager, Examiner. Mr Carl has been called to Chicago in reference to the proposed railway employes increase.

Mr Harvey questioned us on our interpretations of all we had proposed. He made certain suggestions for changes & these were merely clarification of rules, with one or two

additional paragraphs.
In some instances we had to make some modifications, when we received further information on the working condition of the men.

The Management will offer some counter-proposals later & then we will continue the negoteations. It was pointed out that Mr Hardey had no power to do anything but present our interpretations to his superiors.

He showed no opposition to mileage, but wanted to know how we could be asking for so much increase in the light of the Little Steel Formula & I told him to adjust inequities. He did not question ~~us~~ farther.

If we do not press them too much I believe we may get the contract without resorting to the Board.

The conference on the whole was quite friendly, but that does not mean success.

We had porters Snowden of Washington and porters Beane & Brisco of Baltimore present. Snowden has forty years & Brisco 30 of seniority. The former is a very aggressive person & the latter a sober, simple type.

The hotel is clean & airy. The food may be eaten without undue injury to one's system & the heat & weather are rating high. We have meetings scheduled for tomorrow & Sunday among porters (railway) and Pullman Porters.

We will be home on Sunday night or Monday

Best wishes for you & the Madam –

Sincerely

Pat.

Patterson

March 16, 1944

Dear Phil -

You no doubt have received already, copy of Seaboard agreement. We could not get mileage, but on the whole we have a good agreement & the porters are quite pleased.

The Management tried to steal, for the five days between December 27 & Jan. 1, about 40 cents per man by applying the payment of 9 cents an hour through to January 1, 1944.

When it was called to their attention they claimed it was an error & made it good.

The B & O group proved tractable. They accepted representation without requiring a count of authorization cards and during the hearing acted quite human upon occasions.

I am enclosing copy of the agreement. We knew the mileage was out and accepted the 240 hours. These men will make a good deal of money on that basis. Their increase amount to $26.40 per month. The biggest fight we had was to prevent them from exacting extra work, when it suits the management to make up the guarantee on an under time run. We had the best of the argument.

The porters are quite pleased. The porterettes are included, but are considered porters.

Enclosed is memo of understanding and it is expected that back pay will be received within the month -

Our next trip is on April 5 for a C&O vacation.

There seem to be a bad condition on the A.C.L. among the train Porters. A new Train Master out of Rocky Mountain has fired seven mail porters (non-brotherhood men) since January & has charges against four of our men as reported by Smith. This man, Powell, is a vicious cracker who has given the order to train Conductors to unload any porter with whom they may have a disagreement, with his backing & sanction. It is being done. Glad your trip is successful. Keep up the good work

Sincerely
Pat,

Patterson

Sunday March 28, 1943.

Dear Phil:

Enclosed is a program of the services to-day at the First Congregational Church. The evening service was devoted to you. You were the colored people, the March On Washington and the Civil Disobedience Program. You as an individual was not mentioned. It was interesting to get a liberal white Christian's views on it.

The Federation of church is stirred up about it. Miss Meyers evidently did a good job representing you from all reports. That a few of them were left confused isnt alarming - since and planned concerted action by us always is alarming and confusing.

Mrs. Joy Elmer Morgan, President of the Womans Council of Federated Church Women here, heard you in Cleveland and was much impressed and disappointed that you didnt come. I've asked Etta Mai Russell, Executive Secretary of the Council to give me all of the comments and expressions about it that she gets from the Church Women. I was her secretary for three years when she was with the Court. I think it is going to be interesting to know what they are really thinking.

The speaker used as his subject "If I Were A Colored Man". He pictured five he could be. These were the types he has come in contact with I suppose. 1. the non-self-respecting, 2 the flashy, loud, society loving type, 3 the complacent plodder, 4th agitator and 5th educator. He prefers to be the last one. He used the White brothers Walter and George as examples of the last two types.

Our picture taking friend was there. She came to the meeting Friday night declaring she had been converted and wasn't going to be so messy any more. I could have answered her in her own most choice vernacular "Crap."

I'm feeling fine to-day. Hope you are, too. You looked rested and much better than you have since the poll-tax session, and I was glad. How was the Boston trip?

Take care of yourself. Write if you ever find time.

As ever,

Lillian.

Blinker's Cafe
c/o Johnson
605 Red Cross St
Wilmington N.C.
April 18, 1943.

Dear Phil-

The trip down here, if not as hazardous as "Stanleys search for Livingstone", presented some unusual elements of "undemocracy" on one side and a wave of psychic uncertainty on the other. We had to change trains twice and waited three hours in Rocky mountain for a connection. This was compounded with overcrowded trains, loud uncouth & vulgar Negroes, animal heat with chronic and unpleasant odor, whiskey & smoke from cigarettes designed to kill.

Strangely enough, we survived and Mac, Smith & I arrived here hot on the trail of a room. After being rejected as superfluous at the hotel we found refuge in a single room for three, with the feeling of The Three Musketeers who had accomplished some deed of derring-do.

Let me pass over the food question with an abdominal groan & spare you any undue emotional outburst with possible lachrymose drowning.

We got here ahead of the Mediator whose train was late. When he called, he had not as yet got a room and was unable to reach the railroad officials. They had gone home, because no one replied at 2 pm when I tried to reach them.

Mr Murray will meet us tomorrow morning & no doubt will see the railroad people in the afternoon.
The freezing order of McNutt may be in the Management's favor, but we will see.
I will keep in touch with you
Kind regards for you & the Madam
Sincerely
Pat.

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April 20, 1943.

Dear Phil -

We have had sessions with Mediator Murray Monday + today. He believes we may be here until the end of this month. Sibley will handle the case and he is opposed to increasing his present cost or consider Mileage for the employes.

It may be that we can work out some hourly system that may be acceptable, but we will fight for the Mileage first.

Mr Sibley has also objected to our representing the Mail porters, but that I believe we can overcome. It is however a fact that no Mail porter voted in the election for representation. There is also evidence of Mr Woten, who handles Clerks, Red Caps, + Baggage men attempting to get the Mail porters under the jurisdiction of the Clerks. The inference is also that Mr Sibley is working with him to create confusion.

The arrangement of employes classification seems to be best to have Train + Mail Porters under one roster + Attendants and Maids separately listed. Some attendants make over 16.000 miles per month for $118 unless they make extra trips. Here we have many good arguments for effecting changes.

On the whole, the train porters have fairly good jobs so far as hours are concerned, but they are in sadly in need of an agreement to standardize the Work.

After tomorrow we may be able to give you a better picture.

Kindest regards for you + the Madam —

Sincerely
Pat.

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605 Red Cross St
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April 21, 1943

Dear Phil-

Mr Murray met Mr Sibley today and he (sibley), has refused to consider the inclusion of Mail porters in the writing of this agreement, since they were not included in the election of train porters. and not named in the request for a conference.

We think it possible to get the men signed up in a couple of days and then we hope to overcome his scruples. Mac & Smith left a while ago for Fayetteville and Florence where it is possible to reach all the men in a couple of days, returning to Wilmington on Friday morning

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I will meet Mr Murray again tomorrow after he has conferred further with Sibley.

Behind this obstruction is the fact that Harrison of the clerk's union is attempting to claim representation of this class of employe. It would be a mistake to write an agreement for train porters before adjusting this matter.

Sibley does not know what we plan to do. Mr Murray will tell him that he has to meet me tomorrow which will give him the idea that we will not be able to meet his requirement.

There is also some question involved with the inclusion of Attendants & maids in this agreement. Mediator Carpenter's report to the Board states that the Management & Mac had agreed to write a separate contract for train Attendants. This I believe can be adjusted.

Rules except the scope & the Money rules present little difficulties. In fact Mr Sibley is willing to take out that which makes the conductor the superior officer of the porter. Of course it is understood, but he will not have to do work like carrying his equipments after completion of trip — a disagreeable custom.

We expect to meet Mr Sibley on Friday. Perhaps one can get a better picture of the whole question at that time.

Murray is a nice enough fellow. He is a profound "trader" and altho fairly substantial there is an appreciable amount of Surplus wind that is ever active. He is very much better than Rupp.

The weather is a bit cool tonight.

My landlord is a cross between The Thief of Bagdad & Robin Hood. He robs me in order that he can gracefully repay it to me whenever he is caught. He just overcharged me fifty cents on my dinner and paid it back pleasantly with the information that even the President makes an error and that I should not think anything of such a trifle. I assured him of my whole-hearted cooperation with his policies.

Hope you had good meetings in Washington—

Sincerely
Pat.

Patterson

April 22, 1943

Mr. T. T. Patterson
c/o Johnson
605 Red Cross Street
Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Pat:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of April 18th. I can understand how you are having a problem, getting something that a human abdomen can digest and also a place which is fit for a civilized human being to sleep in, down there in Wilmington. I know that the problem of getting any justice for the porters out of the Atlantic Coast Line crowd is second only to resolving the political crazy quilt of North Africa, but I am sure that you will get something. If we get an agreement with some working rules under which the men can get some protection, that will be a great step forward.

Totten and I just returned from Washington where we held splendid meetings. All the Brothers and Sisters wish to be remembered to you. They are having their dance on May 4th and expect you to be present. Hope you will be finish by that time.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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April 26, 1943

Dear Phil-

Mr Sibley agreed today to our representing the mail porters for the A.C.L. We had twenty-one out of 37 signatures, but that represents only the men of the Richmond & Florence Division.

The fact is that the men should be classified as train porters & train porters handling mail, since they are used interchangeably. The injection of this class of employe, coupled with the freezing of wages created many complications. It is not possible to write any satisfactory agreement now.

It appears, however, that we may be able to write rules governing working conditions and ~~and~~ leave the wage question as at present; with a memorandum of understanding that within a stated time after the settlement of the general question of increase we may negotiate a wage agreement.

That I believe is the best solution at present and offers much more than can be gained ~~by attempting~~ to write an agreement in the face of all the restrictions confronting us.

It is just possible that the freeze order may be rescinded.

If what is outlined here is obtainable, and it is quite probable, we will sign the agreement —

Best wishes Sincerely

Pat.

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April 27, 1943

Dear Phil-

We signed an agreement today with the A.C.L. Railroad covering rules governing working conditions, with the proviso in a Memorandum of understanding, that as soon as a settlement is reached in the pending wage question for railroad men we will write for a conference to write up pay rules.

Under the present unfavorable conditions we believed that was the best policy to follow. The rules are good. Some changes in language were effected from our proposals for the best and a couple of regulations were deleted, at our request.

The employes are under the supervision of the train master. It does not say that they are to obey the train conductor as he directs. That often includes the Shining of his Shoes etc.

We have only one copy of the agreement and I am taking it to New York to have same mimeographed, since you will be there soon. We will leave for home tonight if there are any seats available There are no Pullman spaces.

Kindest regards

Sincerely

Pat,

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June 21
1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

I received a letter from Mr. Brazeal in reference to the publication of "The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters - Its Origin and Development." He informs me that he has written to you on the matter and I believe that we could easily guarantee the sale of one thousand copies of the book at a dollar and twenty-five cents per copy, as suggested. So many persons are waiting for reliable information on the Organization and the porters would be glad to get the book if for no other purpose than to keep it as an ornament in the home, that there should be little doubt of its success on the market. I am suggesting that you give the publishers the guarantee in order that the book may be published as soon as possible. There is also the possibility that the price of material is rising and the sooner this is done, the better it will be.

Things are moving along in pretty good shape. Brother Totten came out today for a few hours. He is improving.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

Pat

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June 24, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Phil:

Because of the disturbed conditions throughout the country between Negroes and whites, there is a necessity for the Pullman Company to offer some protection to their employees who may face dangerous conditions in the performance of their duties and particularly in going to and from railroad yards.

Quite a few of the men here have asked me what was being done by the Organization, and therefore it would be a good thing for you to take the matter up with Mr. Carry while you are in Chicago if, in your opinion, it is necessary.

I got in touch with Mr. Zimmer today, and he thought there would be no necessity for any further action to protect the men than that which is generally exercised, since there are railroad police around the yards. He told me that in Detroit the question was settled and unless the men go out looking for trouble, there would not be any.

I think, however, this is the time to discuss the matter because these outbreaks are likely to continue and in whatever part of the country they do occur, the men should be given some consideration for protection.

Sincerely yours,

Pat

TP/md

Pat

Patterson

Shinnecock Bay
Southampton
July 27. 1943.

Dear Phil-

Phil and I came here on Saturday and we are having a good rest.

The weather is ideal for the occasion. The days are pleasantly warm with mellow breezes and the nights cool enough for a blanket. The food is good. The vegetables are plentiful and fresh.

For exercise there is the Shinnecock Bay a few minutes walking distance and the water is warm. Phil & I go swimming and rowing daily & he plays ping-pong & Croquet.

This is an Indian Reservation. Indians & their descendants live here. The inhabitants used to be great whalers. After the wreck of the Circassian - a whaling ship - many young braves were lost & amalgamation with Negroes started. Thus few of these people are full blooded Indians. My landlord is the chief, but his wife is a Jamaican. The land is from taxation. None is owned by any individual, but any qualified person may build and live on the lands after being properly qualified to do so.

I have not been able to get much data, because the Chief is a slow perpetual motion person and I have never seen him stand still for more than a minute & except in a car his speed would hardly exceed that of the average turtle.

This is rather a primitive surroundings, but it carries with it much of the building force not present in the cities and more fashionable environments.

We return on Saturday.

Best wishes

Sincerely

-Pat.

Pat

Slaughter's Hotel
2nd & Leigh Sts
Richmond, Va.
Sept. 29, 1943.

Dear Phil—

We have agreed on the majority of the rules, which we received today; but are far apart on the change from an hourly to a mileage system. If the Management will grant us a much shorter month than 240 hrs at the same rate of pay; we will accept it. If they will not, then we will continue to bargain for the mileage of 5000 miles even some more.

On the whole the conference has been quite peaceful and the behavior of the Crackers quite decent. They accepted the proposals we offered in the refinement of some rules and gave us a good grievance rule. Of course they have hid steadily behind the "Little Steel Formula" and show no disposition to leave the vantage ground. On the question of the pending increase they have promised to abide by any decision reached.

Tomorrow we go in for another conference. It is hoped that we will get a clearer understanding on the whole question, but we seem to be stuck here over the week end.

The weather has suddenly changed. It is wet, windy & cold.

We met a composite group of train porters last night. They were quite enthusiastic. Will keep in touch with you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,
Pat, J.

October 1, 1943

Mr. T. T. Patterson
Slaughter's Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Pat:

Just received telegram from L & N Railroad that they may be able to set a date for a preliminary conference sometime next week. I go to the A. F. of L. Convention but Miss Alves will relay the telegram to you or whatever the communication may be.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

Richmond, Va.
October 4, 1943    m-12
File N-10

Mr. Thomas T. Patterson,
Eastern Zone Supervisor,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
At Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir: -

In entering into agreement covering train porters on The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, effective October 16, 1943, it is understood and agreed that request will be made upon the Chairman of the National Railway Labor Panel for approval on adjusting monthly rates of pay for train porters below $137.25 to that amount, this adjustment to be placed in effect as of the date of approval by the Chairman of the National Railway Labor Panel.

If this understanding is concurred in, please show your approval in the space provided at the bottom of this letter.

Yours truly

/s/ I. C. Clark

I. C. Clark
Supervisor Wages and Working Conditions

COPY

Approved for the employees:

/s/ Thomas T. Patterson
Thomas T. Patterson for
A. Philip Randolph, International
President, Brotherhood of Sleeping
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THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY

Richmond, Va.
October 4, 1943 E-12
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Mr. Thomas Patterson,
Eastern Zone Supervisor,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
At Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir: -

In entering into agreement covering train porters on The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, effective October 16, 1943, we had some discussion with regard to relief or off time for men on certain assignments.

As explained in the conference, conditions peculiar to the particular assignment must govern, but I shall write our General Superintendents to ask them to look into the several assignments on which the men have long hours, to see if anything can be done in the way of changing or rearranging assignments to bring about longer lay-over at home terminals for the men on the assignments now working long hours.

Yours truly

/s/ I. C. Clark

I. C. Clark
Supervisor Wages and Working Conditions

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LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Director of Personnel
Louisville, Kentucky

L.L.Morton,
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Ass't. Director of Personnel

October 4, 1943.

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Mr. A.Phillip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 West 125th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I wired you today as follows:

"Following my wire September 30th. Please mail to me tonight copy of your proposed agreement. The copy you sent has been misplaced."

I regret that your original proposal was misplaced in the mails between the offices of this Company and you having sent only one copy, it forces me to request a duplicate.

If satisfactory, I suggest we set initial conference for Tuesday, October 12th, 2:00 P.M., to be held in the Assembly Room in the L&N Railroad Company's General Office Building, at Louisville, Ky.

Yours truly,

(Signed)L.L. Morton

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Director of Personnel.

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Mr. Thomas T. Patterson,
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At Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir: -

In entering into agreement covering train porters on The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, effective October 16, 1943, it is understood and agreed that the Railway Company will request approval of the Chairman of the National Railway Labor Panel to place in effect for train porters an hourly increase in rates of pay corresponding to increase granted the fifteen non-operating groups of employees, if any, under their request for increases in rates of pay now pending, this increase to apply retroactive to July 1, 1943.

If this is concurred in, please show your approval in the space provided at the bottom of this letter.

Yours truly

/s/ I. C. Clark

I. C. Clark
Supervisor Wages and Working Conditions

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October 6th, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Hotel Statler
Boston, Mass.

Dear Phil:

The enclosed copies of letters will explain action on new date set for conference with the L&N Railroad Company officials.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas Patterson

Thomas Patterson
Eastern Zone Supervisor

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Enc. #2

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October 8th, 1943

Mr. L. L. Morton,
Director of Personnel
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

The date, time and place set for conference, Tuesday, October 12th at 2:00 P.M., in the Assembly Room in the L&N Railroad Company's General Office Building at Louisville, Kentucky, is acceptable to me. Our representatives, Thomas T. Patterson and B. F. McLaurin, will meet to confer with you.

As requested, I have enclosed a copy of our proposed agreement.

Yours truly,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 7th, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Statler Hotel
Boston, Mass.

Dear Phil:

We signed the agreement with the C&O Railroad on Tuesday, October 5th and I am enclosing copies of the letters which are accompanying the agreement to the Board. The originals of these letters I have turned over to Miss Alves. I have enclosed also copy of contract.

On the whole I think the agreement is good since we were limited by the Little Steel Formula and could do nothing but adjust inequities. One of the stiff fights we had was to eliminate from their proposals working regular men, after they have completed the work required by the operation form on their run, to make up the monthly guarantee of 240 hours in an under-time run. This is because such a condition exists in some of their agreements. However, it would give the Management the power to overwork men and to take away their layovers if this was permitted to be done. It may have been all right if we had received a five thousand mile basic month.

Although we argued a great deal, the conference was quite a pleasant one and there was no great degree of undue irritation during the negotiations.

I hope you are having an interesting time at the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Pat

Pat

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October 9th, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Statler Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Phil:

Miss Johnson informed me that you had instructed her that the next issue of the Black Worker would be a F.E.P.C. issue. My article for that issue has already been written and was based on the firemen's hearing. Since there is a great deal of Brotherhood material on hand and its exclusion from the next issue may cause some unfavorable comments, would you consider making the F.E.P.C. a supplement to the general issue?

Referring to my conversation had with you just before I left for Richmond in reference to the organizing of the car cleaners here, I have not been able to find any suitable person to undertake the work. A few minutes ago I spoke to Bowe about his doing the job and he said that he did not want it. On the other hand, he suggested that he thought that Mills would be a suitable man to carry through. That, of course, as I stated to you is my opinion. Recognizing the reason for any position you may have to that policy, I wish you would give it further consideration because there is no reason why using him in this capacity could not be limited to the single action involved.

We will leave tomorrow for Louisville. We could have remained until Monday but no accomodations was available so we will be able to get some out of Washington which will put us in Louisville in time for the conference.

Best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

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November 4th, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Charles Cooper
801 Cella Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Phil:

I sent over your signature a letter to Mr. L. L. Morton of the L & N Railroad dealing with the proposed agreement. As you will recall, the "Act of Providence" clause which was tacked on to Rule 3 without any discussion between conferees was not accepted. However, on second thought we may have to consider agreeing to apply this regulation where an "Act of Providence" detains the employee at his home station.

For the rule regulating court attendance, I suggested an addition to our proposal, since the Management was willing to accept it, that men called upon to attend court on their layover days should be paid for the layover in addition to any pay that would accrue from the trip, since rest periods granted are as important as pay periods. Our contention for the other rules was not changed.

The Crowder case took two additional days, making three in all for the completion of the hearing. The Company used many supplementary statements in order to make the case air-tight. I fought to exclude these supplementary statements because of the Management's abuse of this procedure. A first statement is taken from the accused. If the statement carries any strong point for his being exonerated, the Management gets supplementary statements which will offset anything in the employee's favor and in its effect it is a preliminary hearing to the one that is jointly directed by the Management and the employee's representatives. If a fair decision is rendered on the evidence produced, Crowder has a chance to be exonerated.

Dr. Uphaus requested me to speak at the convention of the Religion and Labor Foundation and particularly on your attack of discrimination in the A. F. of L. labor unions, with particular emphasis on auxiliary unions, on the Monday morning session, November 1st. The session was a great success and the question was thoroughly aired and actively discussed. A young "cracker" student stated that the radical actions of so-called progressives were doing the Negroes' cause more harm than good. He named PM and Robeson, etc., but was in favor of Marian Anderson and Joe Louis. He received a thorough drubbing from the floor and in a later conversation with him I pointed out that as a theological student he neither knew the meaning of democracy or Christianity and that seemed to have upset him quite definitely.

The opening of the new quarters of the Washington Division was quite a success. The meeting was packed beyond the capacity of the hall with porters, Auxiliary members and car cleaners. It is a very nice place and Mrs. Tucker has a large, light and airy room.

I took up the question of organizing the car cleaners with Brother Mills. He didn't seem enthusiastic about the proposal but said that he would discuss it with me during the week, but he has not been in to do so. However, at the meeting he said that he would not undertake the work for the amount of money that I suggested to him for a 30 day period. It is his contention that the St. Louis organizer received $25.00 more for the same period and he would not be willing to accept less.

The Lehigh Valley train porters, which numbers 4 or 5 are anxious to be taken under the wings of the Brotherhood. The leader is W. H. Bryant, Jr., who is a bright and intelligent fellow. He went out, after we had discussed the matter, and had authorization cards signed by four men and collected $2.00 a piece on their initiation fee. Questionnaires will be sent out to them.

In a conference with Mr. Arenholtz of the Atlantic Coast Line we were able to arrange for payment of sleep period not received on certain lines, by the A. C. L. attendants. This was due to the fact that during a given period an order was issued by the Management of the A. C. L. that 25 additional passengers, named "standees" would be packed in the car beyond its seating capacity which excluded the employees from the space usually reserved for them for sitting and sleeping. The Management has agreed, as soon as they are able to make a checking on this, to pay an additional $2.43 a trip for this loss.

The decision of Comptroller General, Lindsay Warren, in his attempt to destroy Executive Order 9346 through his technical interpretation of the word "shall" used in the order is definitely a back door attempt to destroy the intent of the order. Precedence does not seem to be in accord with his interpretation which is no doubt based on wishful thinking. It now seems the President's duty to state definitely what he intended or write another order which will not admit of two interpretations. This step taken by Warren is definitely subversive and the ruling will take much time in its clarification and permit the enemies of F.E.P.C. to develop courage to refuse to carry out this mandate.

The decision of the Board on the Granderson case is a splendid one. Granderson will be paid for the 60 days which he spent on the street and his record will be cleared of any misdemeanor. Although that is important, the fact that this referee was able to see the machinations of the Company behind all their specious arguments and stated that the decision was not rendered for any misdemeanor of Granderson is of greater importance. It implies that the Management merely exercised wrongly its power for some personal reason. Another point that is good was that the combining of two or three distinct charges in order to make a strong one received a thorough drubbing from this referee. Web will say he was a Republican.

I hope you are having a successful trip. Things are moving along in good shape. Best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

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York Hotel
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Dear Phil—

We had a nice meeting in Washington yesterday. The time was too short for notice, to have it on Friday. Due to the weather & week end the crowd was not large, but it was a lively meeting & well represented by men & women.

Brother Moore & Mrs Craig were a couple of old timers who were present. The division seems to be in a healthy condition & growing fast. There are only 25 unfinancial members at present and those are being worked on.

I came here today. A telegram relayed from New York plan to have the meeting here tomorrow at 1 p.m. I have not got in touch with anyone here as yet.

Food and hotel accommodations are quite problems of moment.

The Whitelaw is fast approaching its nadir of shiftlessness, disservice and dirt. When a lusty load of dog or human excretion becomes a basic ingredient in the shower bath tub and remained there undisturbed, for almost a day, nothing more need be said.

This hotel is an improvement in every respect.

Meeting is planned in Philadelphia for Tuesday. I will be home Wednesday.

Kindest regards for the madam & you

Sincerely
Pat.

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The Allen Hotel
2516 W Madison St
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Phil-

Let me congratulate you on the splendid fight you waged at the A F of L Convention. Although the boiler makers' crowd is a rough one you seemed to have topped them them in ruggedness, and left their leaders on the field, literally snorting and pawing the ground, with metalik feet, in futile rage at an intended victim now safe beyond the area of attack. The victim having reach that vantage ground in perfect order and dignity with a touch of satanic glee at the discomfitence of his uncouth & formidable antagonists.

We are making some progress, slowly. Mr Parker, The Management's representing and his associates are typical and rough crackers.

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It is more than writing an agreement, it is educating the cracker into certain fundamental & elemental principles of humanity of which he is devoid. This cracker Nazi autocrat has to be deflated at the beginning of every session, in order to make life possible with him during the session.

We have been able to write the grievance rules & others, but he has flatly rejected mileage & wont even consider it. He now substitutes a 240 hour basic month, but written in such a way as to be unacceptable to us. He will not pay any over-time in regular assignment until after the 240 hour is reached.

The men are being used for long hours as high as 280 per month with short layovers. We proposed the 96 hours minimum layover guarantee at home stations, & it is tentatively accepted, as a partial stop gap for this condition.

Other safeguards in our rules to correct this condition has been eliminated from his proposal. He is anxious to get rid of us and is even concerned about what it costs the Brotherhood to keep us here during the conference.

The proposals of the Management were given piecemeal, then the last part was handed in & said we could complete it by correspondence etc.

We explained that his policies were improper & out of keeping with the letter or spirit of the law & he tried to offer apologies.

We meet today & we have prepared another rule to present. This they may change only in wording. It will be necessary to accept the 240 hour basic month, since there is nothing else to do, but with it should go all-other safeguards for regular & extra men that will prevent their being worked to death.

~~Mrs~~ Mrs Chapman died suddenly two days ago. We were to have had dinner with her that evening. It was quite sad.

The weather is good. Food is somewhat scarce, due to the untimely invasion of some ministerial convention.

A few hours before leaving New York, I sprained my back trying to house my banana tree from the cold. It has made the trip somewhat difficult. Anyway we are getting along OK.

We will be better able to get a clearer idea of our standing after this session.

Kind regards for you & the Madam

Sincerely

Pat.

Telephone 29407
Prince George Hotel
1757 Church St.
Norfolk Va.

Pat

March 5, 1944.

Dear Phil—

We seem to be in a tight spot with poor chance to come out the winner.

The company has flatly refused to consider any kind of mileage basis of payment for train porters; but have agreed to the 240 hours basic month. Few runs are scheduled to make that time. The majority of them are less than 200 hours per month. Yet the porter on these assignments make as many as 8,400 miles which exceeds their 5,000 miles basic month by 3,400 and that at 2.43 cents per mile would make the increase in cost of operation much higher & therefore prohibitive.

we have suggested a higher monthly mileage basis at ~~this a~~ $145.00 per month & this was refused.

A suggestion to put a stop to overworking the men. by agreeing to the 96 hours layover per month at home terminals was also rejected.

Tomorrow we will propose acceptance of the 240 hours basis; if this is balanced by a 6000 miles above which men will be paid overtime. The one reached first will be selected & that one would be always the miles. If we cannot get that. then we will have to stick out for the 96 hours layover per month at home terminals.

Further the Company has refused to consider payment of the recent increase until the whole question is settled and have refused to put the question of vacation with pay in this agreement, although Mr Cannon claims he is giving it favorable consideration. It is obvious that this attitude is to give them a stick over our heads to force something unpleasant on us.

The getting of the agreement as soon as possible is a necessity to prevent general dissatisfaction among the men, since the majority of railroads have paid their other employees the increase. If there is any chance of getting a settlement without resorting to the Mediation Board it would be to our advantage.

This man Cannon is another tough egg who attempts to hide his tricks behind a beatic smile. A first contract is hardly the one to be used to break down the 240 hour monthly basis of pay, but sooner or later it has to be done. It will not matter much, if the hours can be reduced to give the same advantages as the mileage offers, what option is used.

We had a meeting with the Pullman members & I have arranged for another tomorrow evening—

Kindest regards—

Sincerely,

Pat.

Patterson

Tel. Jefferson 0363.
1418 W Chestnut St
c/o Mrs Cooper
Louisville, Ky.
April 15, 1944

Dear Phil –

we met Mediator Murray yesterday and had a talk. He did not say much to the management, since he had not heard our side of the story as yet, but gleaned that only four points were in disagreement.

It may take a few days to reach an agreement, but I believe we will be able to sign the agreement before leaving.

I have fallen into the hands of a widow undertaker at whose home I am staying. The hotel is quite unconcerned about steady customers and so I came to this place. It is quite spacious, nice and airy and has the added incentive of a feather bed.

The train porters are paying up very nicely and Davie has quite a substantial sum to send in to Totten. Both he and Dave Andis are here.

Mac got left in New

york, but came on another train by way of Indianapolis.

Hope your venture in the political field will prove a howling success. If it does nothing more than stir the people – white & black, it will serve a good purpose.

Kind regards for you & the Madam.

Sincerely
Pat.

1418 W. Chestnut St
c/o Cooper
Louisville, Ky.
April 18, 1944

Dear Phil -

We have agreed to sign up tomorrow at 9 a.m. Parker has flatly refused to give us the 96 hours, but has signed a memorandum of Understanding to the effect that the local committees will get together with the various Superintendents and work out schedules of lines, which will give the men adequate relief at their home stations. This, while not exactly satisfactory from one angle is better than what we requested, from another. The Organization will have some say as to how these runs should be scheduled.

we will accept a count rule as we have on the C&O. It does not include the principle that was in the one we contended for — paying for layover time — but it was not worth holding out any longer at this time.

Mediator Murray, the great compromiser and posterior approachist, arrived by devious routes to something acceptable to the autocratic Mr Parker. The philosophy behind this is that it will be so difficult to apply that neither party to the agreement can gain anything from its application.

~~we have~~

The effective date of the agreement will be May 15. Books will be printed & Parker has refused, because of that to consider an earlier date. His first suggestion was June 16.

It was quite cool here but the weather is warming up quite well.

We will leave tomorrow for Mobile and remain there a couple of days, then to Mobile.

I expect your New York Meetings were well attended, if for no other reason than to hear of no definite date for payment of the back time.

Kindest regards for you & the Madam

Sincerely,
-Pat.

~~Mr~~ Patterson

April 19, 1944

Dear Phil -

We signed up at 11: am today and am on the Pan American enroute to Montgomery. Parker almost wrecked the entire proceedings by balking at the last minute to sign the memorandum of understanding. We overcame his objection by making some small changes. It is my opinion that the "artful dodger - Mr Murray - was involved in his refusal.

I am sending you a copy of the agreement + other papers. Only two copies of the former were obtained. Would you have some mimeographed along with some of the Memo. of understanding so we may send them around to the various Chairmen for me, as soon as possible. As you will note the effective date of agreement is May 15 - when it will be ready in Booklet form.

Sincerely
Paul

copies to Mr. Totten
McLaurin

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April 24, 1946

Mr. T. T. Patterson
Zone Supervisor
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Pat:

Find enclosed copies of letters that are self-explanatory. I think the job that we have to do is to carry on our program of education, especially among the youngsters, so that they will fully appreciate the seriousness of their responsibility in maintaining high standards of service on the cars.

I would suggest that you read this letter to some of the men in discussing good service, but I would not let it get around. Keep the copy yourself because we do not want to have any circulation of this letter.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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P. S. When the reply comes to my letter to Mr.Tobias, kindly call up Mr.Coombs to arrange a convenient time to confer with Mr. Coombs and Mr. Tobias.

Pat

May 22, 1944

Mr. T. T. Patterson, Zone Supervisor
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Pat:

Find enclosed letters that are self explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 23, 1944

Mr. T. T. Patterson, Zone Supervisor
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Pat:

Find enclosed letters that are self explanatory. You may answer these letters and sign my name and indicate that the Brotherhood is all ready to submit evidence of our claims to represent train porters in question in the employ of the Central of Georgia and the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railraods. I expected this type of replies to the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad. You might add that the train porters have indicated their desire for a change in representation. I understand that M. C. is on his way to Macon, Georgia on Brother Clay's case. You may wire me in Los Angeles. I leave here on May 26.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 25, 1944

Mr. T. T. Patterson, Zone Supervisor
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Pat:

Find enclosed letter which I think comes from a white fireman since he says he was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen which was one of the Big Four unions which does not admit Negroes as members. Find out from Miss Poindexter if this man is a member of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Provisional Committee for the Organization of Colored Locomotive Firemen. If he is not I wo uld not answer the letter.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 29th, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1461 East 22nd Street
Los Angeles, California
c/o Harry L. Armstrong

Dear Phil:

I received you letter with the enclosed one from George Edwards, train porter in Savannah, and have written Ben Reynolds to get the facts of the case. It appears that this Brother is not quite coherent as he states that he did not get any back pay and then that the boys were not quite satisfied with what they got. According to the information received, the Management paid a flat $18.00 which was based on an 180 hour month, the maximum hours by these men on the longest run. Seemingly, no consideration was given to overtime but we hope to correct that condition whenever we are able to meet with the A.C.L. officials.

The L. & N. Management met with our local men and Brother McLaurin in an attempt to work out changes in their present operation in order to give the men more time at their home stations. So far, these proposed changes have not been put into effect as yet.

The B. & O. is working out a permanent roster in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement recently signed. I was down in Baltimore with the Committee and checked with them but there are certain names that needed further checking. The local chairmen are working on that at present and whenever the corrected list is prepared, the Management will let me know before it is put into effect.

You perhaps received the information that Mr. O. W. Snoddy shot himself recently. He had been ill for some time with Cancer and took this way out of the pain. His successor is Mr. Drake. This man is certainly not an improvement on Snoddy and is not even liked by the other officials of the Pullman Company. It means that we are going to have twice as many cases as we had before because he believes in the punitive rather than the corrective method of handling men.

There is a great deal of unrest among the men due to the fact that they have not received their back pay. It is surprising what an amount of feeling is being stirred by a matter that is assured. It is doubly surprising when one knows that these men are making more money than they ever made in their lives before. From all over the zone letters come in requesting information as to the time it will be paid. The time and method of getting the vacation is also becoming an irritant and I received a resolution from the Washington Division requesting that I institute a claim against the Pullman Company for interest due on the back pay as of January 1943. This, of course, ridiculous and I am telling the men it is an international question and, in view of the fact that we have an Agreement with the Pullman Company, signed February, 1944, if and when any action is taken, it will be done by the international and not by a division and limited to a local division.

The case of Dave Sims, fireman in Montgomery, has come to the front again. He has been called for an investigacion on May 27th, as regards to the accident which resulted in his being held out of service. I understand that it is to get additional information regarding Sims's knowledge of the accident and was not dealing with his return to the service with pay, as was requested by Steve in the claim which I believe is now before the Board.

I have been having some trouble with my left eye but it is showing signs of improvement now. The oculist says there has been a rapid change in the sight within the last year and that I will have to undergo long treatments.

On the whole, things are moving along in fair shape. I hope that your trip is quite successful. I understand that Web will be here on his way to Washington and we will have a chance to talk on some things that I would like to take up with him.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

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June 1st, 1944

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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1461 E. 22nd Street
Los Angeles, California
C/O Mr. Harry L. Armstrong

Dear Phil:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. Please advise.

Fraternally yours,

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June 3, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1208½ East 20th Street
c/o Oscar Soares
Los Angeles, California

Dear Phil:

The letters regarding representation of train porters on the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio and the Central Railroad of Georgia were received, and I have written the management of each road requesting the opportunity to present our proof that the Brotherhood has been chosen by the men to represent them on matters referring to their wages and working conditions. It is quite likely that my request will be granted.

As regards to having the election in June, Brother Totten has already sent out instructions. We are starting the nomination here on the 5th and will carry through as directed by our regulations.

I sent you a letter in reference to the case of Brother Anderson of Washington which I had spoken to you about previously. I hope you will give me some early reply so that I may transmit it to him, or you will write him directly in the matter. He has stated that it is not his intention to continue in the presidency, unless some changes are made which will make the operation of his district easier. I recognize that there is quite some work to be done in the Washington district at this time, and it may not be a bad idea to arrange to have Anderson lay over periodically to clean up the work that may accumulate due to the requirements of the district, and particularly with the number of hearings that occurred there in the regular course of operation. That, however, is provided for already, but I think Anderson has other matters on his mind.

I do not know if I ever discussed the case of porter P. Gallimore of the Central Railroad of New Jersey with you. He was charged with improper conduct toward a hostess on one of the B. & O. trains through a letter which was written to this girl at her home while this porter was on his lay-over. There was little that could be called improper, but the fact that this girl is white. I represented him at the hearing, and took the position that the girl should have been present at the hearing as requested by the Gallimore representative, or this porter would not be given a fair and impartial jury. I also took the position that this incident for which he was brought to trial occurred while he was not in active service and therefore could not be handled under the Rule 50 of our agreement, as is clearly expressed in the Preamble of the Agreement, which states what may be properly dealt with under the Agreement. The Company, of course, took exception to my position and the case has been decided against the porter, and he has been discharged. During the time that Brother Webster was here, I discussed the matter with him, and he agreed that there was no real case against the porter, but the fact that the girl was white makes it difficult to deal with successfully. At any rate we are going to appeal the case within the prescribed time.

I hope you are having a successful trip. On the whole matters are progressing normally.

I could not reach you by phone as requested in your letter, since I did not get it until you had left the point indicated in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Pat

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June 9th, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Berry J. Slater
4031 S. Elati Street
Englewood, Colorado

Dear Phil:

I am sending copy of resolutions that were referred to you by the International Executive Board. In order to have complete report, I would like to know what consideration you have given to these questions.

I may also mention that the letter of May 3rd which was sent to Mr. Sibley requesting a conference, was misdirected to Wilmington, N. Y., and has just been returned to this office. While this does not excuse his not replying to your letter of February 19th, it may deter you from taking the matter to the Board until this letter has been transmitted to him. I will hold it until I hear from you before re-sending it.

Sincerely,

Pat

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## RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

### RESOLUTION #20 - SALARY FOR LOCAL SECRETARY-TREASURER - By the Los Angeles Division

**WHEREAS**, the records will show that the Los Angeles Division has made such rapid strides both in financial and numerical strength; and

**WHEREAS**, it is an undeniable fact that the success can be attributed to the efficient service of our capable Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Oscar Soares; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary-Treasurer has to lose so much time in order to care for the business of the Brotherhood; and

**WHEREAS**, this service has been given untiringly and unselfishly at the small salary; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the salary of Brother Soares be raised to an amount designated by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The Committee recommends that this Resolution be referred to the International Executive Board.

Board Action: It was moved by Brother Dellums, seconded by Brother Webster and adopted that the Board refer this matter to the International President for consideration.

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### RESOLUTION #21 - PENSION - By the Los Angeles Division

**WHEREAS**, the retired Pullman Porters have given long and faithful years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, their pension is so small in comparison to the present living conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, all classes of workers are being given raise of pay; and

**WHEREAS**, in many cases the porters' pension is all that he has to maintain himself and family; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters with the cooperation of the International Board take steps to seek an increase in pension for retired Pullman Porters

The Committee recommends that this Resolution be referred to the International Executive Board.

Board Action: It was motioned by Brother Webster, seconded by Brother Dellums and adopted that this matter be referred to the President for study and action.

**RESOLUTION #33 - ITINERARIES - By the Tampa Division**

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the porters of the Tampa District, contend that a copy of each itinerary of all lines be sent to the National Headquarters of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The Committee recommends that this Resolution be referred to the International Executive Board with the recommendation that a plan be worked out to get itineraries into the hands of local representatives.

Board Action: Moved by Brother Dellums, seconded by Brother Dailey and adopted that the International President shall send a letter to the Zone Supervisors to instruct the division presidents on this matter.

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**RESOLUTION #47 - SUPERVISION OF LOCALS - By the Baltimore Division**

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Baltimore Division that the Zone Supervisors should visit the locals in their zones more often and instruct the local Grievance Committee as to the handling of grievances and claims.

The Committee recommends that this Resolution be referred to the International Executive Board.

Board Action: Motioned by Brother Bradley and seconded by Brother Dellums and adopted that this resolution be referred to the International President.

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**RESOLUTION #48 - REPRESENTATIVE AT MIAMI - By the New York Division**

WHEREAS, it is the fundamental policy incumbent upon the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters to protect its members wherever the Organization has jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, members of this Organization operating to and from Miami, Florida during the winter season have been subjected to mistreatment, coercion, intimidation and brow-beating by Pullman district officials and local police authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Organization has never had a representative at this point to handle the immediate grievances of our members, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that a representative of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters be stationed at Miami, Florida during the period between October 15th and May 15th or whatever period is necessary, every winter season until such time other arrangements have been made, to investigate all grievances brought to his attention and report his findings to the division concerned, conduct meetings and collect dues and attend to any other business the Organization might demand such as seeing to it that members who become ill receive medical attention and in the event of train wrecks south of Fort Pierce, Florida, that the injured are properly cared for and made comfortable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International President be authorized to make this appointment and that the International Secretary-Treasurer be duly author-

Resolution #48 - cont'd.

ized to work out some plan or method of financing this office and to determine the salary and expenses of this representative.

The Committee recommends that this Resolution be referred to the International Executive Board.

Board Action: The Board ruled concurrence and advised that the matter be turned over to the International President for action.

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**RESOLUTION #97 - Submitted by the St. Louis Division to the International Executive Board**

**WHEREAS:** The International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has been in existence for more than seventeen (17) years, and has made unbelievable gains for its members, and is today by far, the largest, most outstanding Labor Organization owned and controlled by Negroes, and

**WHEREAS:** Had our International Officers failed us in the dark days, we would not now be enjoying the splendid working conditions that we now enjoy, nor the excellent wages we are now receiving, and

**WHEREAS:** Since our International officers worked honestly, faithfully and untiringly during those dark days when they did not receive any wages at all for about five (5) years or more, and as they are still working to the best interest of all Pullman Porters, Attendants, Maids, Bus Boys, Train, Coach, and Chair Car Porters at a salary equal to that of the average Field Organizer instead of receiving a salary equal to their position as well as for their past unpaid for services,

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that this third Biennial Convention in St. Louis, Mo., assembled, go on record as granting to our International officers the following salaries.

| | |
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| PRESIDENT | $6,000 per year. |
| Secretary-Treasurer | $4,200 per year. |
| 1st. Vice-President | $4,200 per year. |
| 2nd-3rd-4th Vice-Presidents | $3,600 per year each. |
| International Field Organizers | $2,700 per year each. |

Board Action: The Board ruled that the International Field Organizers were definitely under the jurisdiction of the International President and, therefore, should not be included with the other International Officers and further that the matter should be turned over to the President for further consideration and action.

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Pat

June 29th, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456-58 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois
c/o Mr. M. P. Webster

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing copy of letter which I received from Sister Anna Wilson in regards to election, which is self-explanatory.

In checking through the Constitution and General Rules of the Ladies Auxiliary referring to election, I did not find that this complaint of Sister Wilson constitutes a violation. It may be that other changes and additions would warrant a re-election and I am therefore requesting that you will advise me on this matter.

A copy of the letter is being sent to Sister Halena Wilson and I presume you will confer with her on the matter. If Sister Anna Wilson left the meeting prior to the time a definite date was set for the election and was not there to get the information, it should not be a violation of election rules.

I was not in New York on the date of election and do not know whether the members were notified by letter of this specific date, but I presume that it was done. I am suggesting to Sister Lassiter that at the next meeting of the Auxiliary, the question be taken up and discussed to determine how much basis there may be for the complaint of Sister Wilson.

I have not received a report from Sister Lassiter of the returns of the election as yet, but I understand that Sisters Lassiter, Harper and Toogood were returned to the offical position they occupy at the present time. Sisters Sledge and Harrison were elected 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents respectively.

I hope that you are having a sucessful session at the March conference. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Pat.

Pat.

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Enc.

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THE LADIES AUXILIARY
to
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Train, Chair Car, Coach Porters and Attendants

Mr. Anna Wilson
240 W. 64 St.
Apt. 41 N. Y. C.
23 N. Y.

Mr. Thos. T. Patterson
217 W. 125 St.
New York N.Y.

Dear Brother Patterson

Please be advised that I am calling for a Re-election of the auxiliary in view of the fact, I was nominated 2nd Vice Pres. as you know I am working nites in Defense work and was compelled to leave before the meeting closed. When they changed the meeting nite knowing I was a candidate they should have notified me which they failed to do, not only me but many others who left before the meeting closed. I am also asking notifying Sister Lassiter.

Fraternally yours

/s/ Sister Anna Wilson

COPY

July 17, 1944

Mr. T.T. Patterson
Zone Supervisor
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Pat;

Kindly send to the presidents and secretary-treasurers of your zone a letter advising them of the increase of $20.50 for cooks that are consigned to kitchen. Let them know that efforts were made to get $30.00, but it was vetoed by the War Labor Board. Many of the locals do not know of this increase yet.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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PORTERS 49 BEECH ST ASHVL=

RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM J. W. DANIELS, FIREMAN, SEABOARD AIR LINE, WHO WISHES REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET FIREMEN IN CONFERENCE WITH SEABOARD AIR LINE OFFICIALS REGARDING THEIR RIGHT TO OPERATE DEISEL ENGINES ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, SAME DATE AS CONFERENCE WITH ATLANTIC COAST LINE. CAN MAC ARRANGE TO MEET FIREMEN AND LATER COME TO WILMINGTON=

THOMAS PATTERSON.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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=LATER INFORMATION FROM ADAM WRIGHT FIREMAN TAMPA FLORIDA ADVISED EIGHT MEN LOST JOB ACCOUNT OF INSTALLATION OF DEISEL ENGINES. NO OTHER JOBS AVAILABLE THROUGH DISPLACEMENT. LOCAL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ADVISED DISPLACEDMEN TO CONFER IN NORFOLK. DATE NOT YET ARRANGED. AM WORKING ON ATLANTIC COAST LINE CONTRACT AND AM UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP BEFORE THE 12TH AND TIME IS IMPORTANT=

THOMAS PAT[illegible]N.

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH=
3456 3458 SOUTH STATE ST=

COMPANY REFUSES TO GRANT HOURAGE SYSTEM ON VACATION WITH PAY UNTIL 1945= HAVE AGREED ON OTHER RULES WITH SOME SMALL CHANGES AND WILL SIGN THERE TOMORROW REACH ME AT PATEES TOURIST HOME 417 NORTH SIXTH STREET WILMINGTON UNTIL 12 TOMORROW=

THOMAS PATTERSON=

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November 6th,
1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am hereby resigning from any responsibility regarding the publication of the "Black Worker" which past practice or the decision of the International Executive Board may have permitted, except in the execution of such orders that I might directly receive from you.

Yours truly,

Thomas Patterson

Thomas Patterson
Eastern Zone Supervisor

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New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Permit me to thank you for whatever reason prompted you to appoint me as Counselor for the New York Division of the Ladies Auxiliary. It was my observation that a strong Auxiliary could never be built until there was greater coordination between the women and the men and that could only be accomplished by education. To that end, I devoted quite a bit of the time that I have been Counselor and feel assured that some progress has been made.

Certain conditions, however, exist in the Division which nullifies much of the good that may accrue from any program and there seems to be little hope of correcting these conditions without that type of conflict that does not fit in my program of life and which, from a comparative standpoint, would not solve the problem. I feel assured that there are individuals better adapted for the place under the present conditions and I am, therefore, tendering my resignation and again thanking you for your consideration for having appointed me for the place. This resignation will take effect as soon as someone is appointed to the post.

Yours fraternally,

Thomas Patterson

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AIRMAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

November 20th, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
℅ Mr. C. M. Lester
227½ S. Rampart Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Phil:

On Friday, November 17th, I had a conference with the A.C.L. men regarding the Agreement. From information that was brought to them by Brother Branker, these men were under the impression that Mr. Sibley was agreeable to writing pay rules based on a 240 hour basic month. This is not correct. Mr. Sibley agreed to continue payment on a trip basis as is being done at present but was willing to consider payment of overtime and also such time in sleep periods that are not received. The last day we met, in order to be assured that Mr. Sibley had no intention of applying a basic monthly hourly rate of pay, I asked him the question directly and he replied that he had no intention of doing so. I asked him why and he said that that method of payment cost too much.

The Attendants receive payment at the rate of $25.12 per trip. They make 6 trips in a month which amounts to $150.72 for 306 hours work, which would be at the rate of 49¼¢ per hour. 240 hours at 49¼¢ would be $118.20. 66 hours, the difference between 240 and 306 hours, at 49¼¢ amounts to $32.34 and when added to the $118.20 will make $150.54, 22¢ less than the present pay received under the trip basis for 306 hours work. 240 hours at 49¼¢, as you note, would only be $118.20 per month and it is only through long hours that the monthly wage can be raised to a decent level.

In discussing this matter with Mr. Sibley, he outlined the figures quoted above to show that he had taken into consideration the long hours and paid for them under a trip basis and that was the reason why the men received $150.72 rather than $118.20 which would be received for 240 hours at 49¼¢ per hour. At that time he said that he was considering paying overtime for time beyond the scheduled hours of the trip but he never agreed that he would be willing to pay on an hourly or monthly basis of pay.

After pointing out to the men that the A.C.L. Management had refused to consider a 240 hour basic month for Attendants and pointing out how the Company could work the men unnecessarily long under a trip basis system, they agreed that it would be best to let the Board deal with the question.

I am explaining this to you so that you may have the full facts before sending a letter to Mr. Robert Cole. I will await your final decision.

Fraternally yours,

Pat.

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November 24th, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Mr. C. M. Lester
227½ So. Rampart Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Phil:

I am enclosing leaflet, that is being distributed by the Independent Pullman Workers Federation to the yard force, for your consideration. There may be some value regarding the Brotherhood having a representative to watch the trend of things during the public hearing but, on the other hand, the request for a contribution by the Independent Union from its members is merely taking advantage of the opportunity that presented itself to bring a few dollars into their treasury.

I am going to Jacksonville on the 27th, to assist in the hearing of Porter A. W. Boston of that district who was removed from his assignment in Minneapolis due to difficulty with a Pullman conductor while on a western trip from Oregon. Boston wrote the conductor up when he arrived home and the Company later placed a charge against Boston for refusing to carry out the conductor's order, for insubordination and for endeavoring to influence other porters to be insubordinate. The case was postponed at the request of the Brotherhood and this charge was withdrawn by District Superintendent Breaux and another was substituted, without the charge that he was attempting to influence porters to be insubordinate to the conductor. I shall hold some meetings in Jacksonville on the 29th, and 30th.

I had expected to hear from you before leaving regarding your decision on the A. C. L. case which was appealed to the Board and unless I hear from you by tomorrow, I will not be able to take care of it until my return.

I hope the A. F. of L. convention will move closer to the abolition of discrimination against Negro workers in local unions. Postponing this element of progress in labor bodies any longer will weaken its voice in labor's part in the post war adjustments of the nation's problems.

With best regards for Brother Webster and yourself,

Sincerely,

Pat.

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committee of Local Lodge.
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It is presumed that the
grievance committee
represents workers
who are not Brotherhood
members before manage-
ment.

The fact that elections
are made optional is
purely for the purpose
of preventing Brotherhood
members from being
elected.

Info. by
Arta of
Louisville Ky.
Sept 6-1944
excerpts from form

Patterson

PULLMAN PORTERS BENEFIT ASSOSIATION OF AMERICA
6 East Garfield Boulevard, Room 204
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 26, 1944.

## Instructions for Conduct of Biennial Elections

Election held Oct 16-21-1944
Regular or special meeting to be held for election.
Time of election inserted in notice & posted

At the Convention of the Association held November 21-24, 1939, the following resolution was adopted:

> "That the Grand Chairman be authorized to advise locals that do not want to have election, that it isn't necessary to have it; that such election is optional with the Local Lodges."

Accordingly, your Local Lodge should at the same meeting determine whether it wishes to change its present delegate to the Grand Association, and new delegate may be elected at the same time and place as the Local Lodge Officers.

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| For CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL LODGE 9(show 2 highest candidates) | Votes | For DELEGATE TO GRAND ASSOCIATION (2 Highest candidates | Votes |
| For VICE-CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL LODGE(show 2 highest candidates) | Votes | For GRIEVANCE COMMITtee of Local Lodge show 6 highest candidates | Votes |
| For Secretary of Local Lodge (show 2 highest Candidates) | Votes | | |
| For Treasurer of Local Lodge (show 2 highest Candidates) | Votes | Total number at the meeting | |

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LIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING
CAR PORTERS

Settles, Eugenie Jan. 6-

CORRESPONDENCE

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Jan 6, 1942

Dear Miss Settles,

Write the Teachers in Norfolk and tell them I made a mistake and will have to change the date for another time in Feb. Send the letter to Mr. DeFrantz we wrote ~~and telephone~~

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

Settles

July 3, 1942

Dear Miss Settles

I send enclosed check for deposit and voucher for Miss Pemberton.

I will be here until July 8 - Send final mail Friday morning and I will get it Saturday.

Expect to go to St. Paul. Will let you know if I do.

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

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July 9, 1945

Dear Miss Settles

I sent Miss Childs a Bulletin for this issue of the Black Worker. I told her to give you a copy. I want you to send a Bulletin to all of the locals of the Brotherhood throughout the country, except the firemen.

I forgot to add at the bottom of the Bulletin: Kindly read in your meetings and post where it may be read.

Also at the beginning of the Bulletin at top, add: To the Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers, Chairmen of Committees and Members—

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Send me a copy of the Bulletin before you send it out.

Sincerely A. Philip Randolph

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Kindly send me a pack of checks to Los Angeles. I think there is a pack in the file.

A.P.R.

Settles

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July 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find copy of BULLETIN which you requested. I will await your approval.

At present I am transcribing the notes from the last two meetings of the March On Washington Movement. In advance, I wish to state that the parade will be held July 25th providing the permit is granted. Miss Pauli Murray has been appointed as Chairman of the Parade Committee.

The new office furniture has been coming in during the last two days. My desk leaves nothing to be desired, and the chair is ideal.

Mr. Randolph, it seems that there are two Clark Hotels in Los Angeles, one at 426 Hill Street and another at 1824 South Central Avenue. Will you kindly let me know which one you have selected so that I may properly forward you mail?

Respectfully yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Secretary

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Secretary

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306 West 141 St.
New York City
July 13.

Dear Miss Settles,

I am enclosing the card which the library sent me; it gives the name of the book and the date borrowed.

I hope you can clear this up with Mr. Randolph because at this rate we

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Men Who Lead Labor
Hinton + Stewart.

Harlem — Claude McKay.

will soon owe more than the book is worth.

I hope everything is going along smoothly and that you're not working yourself to death. You may be sure that I am not; I sleep every afternoon from 2 until 5 p.m.

Hello to every one.

Myrtle Facey [Bates]

July 13, 1942

[redacted] Myrtle Pacey Bates
141st Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bates:

As we have been unable to locate the library book which was charged to your card for Mr. Randolph, we are asking that you send us the number of your card and the date on which the book was taken from the 115th Street Library. If you have receive a notice that the book is overdue, we would prefer this, as it would have the name and author of the book.

We plan to pay for the book just as soon as we can get a bill from the library.

I hope you are enjoying your vacation, and getting as much rest as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Eugenie Settles
Secretary to Mr. Randolph

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July 13, 1942
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Settles

Find enclosed copy of Bulletin with correction. I added the change. I made the mistake.

Send these bulletins to all of the local divisions throughout the country.

Receiving mail in Chicago.

I will be here until July 26. I then go to Denver for 5 days, arriving there July 28. Leave there Aug 1 or 2 for Chicago -

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

Settles

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July 14, 1942

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Call Pauli Murray and inform her Mrs. Bethune objects to signing statement But I think statement to President and Press timely and necessary on Waller Case and I will be willing to sign it with as many members of delegation she can get to sign or I will sign it alone - ~~by~~ # Advise substitute word challenge for revenge on second to last page

A. Philip Randolph

Sent

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=A PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find a transcription of my notes on the first parade committee meeting.

At present, I realize that if I had had a better understanding of your procedure in matters that demand rapid action, I could have possibly prevented much of the misunderstanding and resentment that has resulted. However, the parade is making some progress, according to Miss Murray. She had to resign the post of chairman because Workers Defense League did not feel that it was quite right. Mr. Perry Ferguson is now chairman of the Parade Committee, and Miss Murray is making street speeches to gain support for it. I understand that the actual letter to the President has been held up becaue Mr. Leon Ransom has suggested some changes, but it is probably in the mail by now. Workers Defense League is getting out the press letters to 600 papers, excluding the Daily Worker.

Mr. Patterson has gone to Norfolk as you suggested to handle the Seaboard Air Line matter. However, I understand the election will be held in Washington after voting has occurred this week end. I am referring to the counting of the ballots.

From time to time, Mr. Randolph, I will send you whatever throw-aways and notices I can collect which deal with activities in Harlem that would be of interest to you.

If you would not consider it impertinent, I would like to congratulate you upon receiving tonight, the famous Spingarn Medal.

Respectfully yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Miss Myrtle Facey
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Facey:

The enclosed is a news release for the Black Worker which Mr. Hopewell, the reporter, asked me to send to your office.

Yours sincerely,

Francene Thomas

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

Attached you will find the original of a telegram which was relayed to you. Mrs. Frankfurter called from Washington to say that "send it collect if it is not too long." She would like to have it by Saturday.

Enclosed is a transcript of notes taken at the last meeting of the March On Washington. Everything seems to be well in hand. The funeral of Mr. Smith was very sad; the procession was extremely impressive, and no doubt everything that he wanted. 75 porters were there in uniform and flags, about 20 Elks and 8 Auxiliary women. There was also a well trained band.

Mr. McNeal wrote to Mr. McLaurin asking for suggestions concerning publicity that he could use in planning the St. Louis March On Washington mass meeting. He was particularly interested in securing copies of our pieces of publicity, and wanted to know just how a black out should be staged. In response, we sent him a sample of every throw-away, card, poster, sticker, program that we could get. In addition, I thought it would be all right if we sent him your plan for a black out which we sent to Chicago for the rally there. We also sent him your suggestions to the Chicago group explaining that he could probably us many of them. I hope you will have time to help Mr. McNeal.

Because of the War, we will not be able to get a satisfactory telephone arrangement. As this will probably be the last mail I will send to you in Los Angeles, I hope you enjoy your trip to Denver. I will send you next mail in care of Mr. Slater.

Respectully yours,

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Find enclosed check for deposit —

Got all of your telegrams and letters.

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I always have mail sent to him.

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

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Tuscaloosa, Ala.
July 26, 1942

Dear Ms Settle:

Enclosed please find copy of Sea Board list of train porters. This is the one secured from the Company by the Mediator.

I think it wise to make a copy and destroy the old copies so we can secure the necessary material without going thru the big files. We had this once before and I am sure its in the office some where. Say hello to all and keep up the good work.

I am Sincerely Yours
B.F. McLaurin

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

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I hope you will accept my apologies for the error in the amount of postage placed on the last package of mail. I have no excuse to offer, but will do my best to see that it does not occur again.

The parade last Saturday was somewhat successful. Unfortunately, they did not have the hanging in effigy as was planned, and I fear many of the people looking on did not understand what the parade was all about. Approximately, 250 people paraded with placards and posters. It was impressive. I believe Miss Murray is planning to send you most of the details.

In case you may need it, my home address is 295 Convent Avenue, Apartment 47.

Respectfully yours,

Eugenie Settles

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July [illegible], [illegible]

Mrs. Myrtle Pocey Bates
305 West 141st Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Pocey:

Recently we paid for the book which was charged to your card and lost. However, as we did not have your library card, we could not have the charge actually removed from your card. A notice is being sent to the Branch you frequent at 135th Street so that your card can be cleared.

You will be interested in knowing that the book costed exactly twenty-five cents.

I am not working myself to death, as you feared inasmuch as the March On Washington does not have very much for us to do. I hope you are reading the papers everyday; if so, you can probably see that Mr. Randolph is very busy.

Glad to hear that you are resting, for it is certainly too hot for any activity requiring energy. With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eugenie Settles

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July 29, 1942

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Totten asked me to remind you to send the autobiography which it seems you promised to the Pittsburgh Division. Some of the men from Pittsburgh were here, and requested that you send the autobiography to Mrs. Hilary of Pittsburgh.

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Mr. Randolph, if you can find the time, I would appreciate your views on the arrangement of the Survey Book. It is understood that there will be two: one for the March On Washington and one for the Brotherhood. Also, please send me the remainder of your itinerary whenever you find it convenient.

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[illegible] Williams Street
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July 31, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o J. R. Benoit
2740 Williams Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find your check.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

Eugenie Settles

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August 1, 1942

Miss Eugenie Settels
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Settels:

Kindly send this Call to the Brotherhood Convention and tentative program to all of the Local Divisions of the Brotherhood, including Sleeping Car Porters and Train Porters. Send them to the Presidents. Do not send them to the Firemen's Locals. Do this as soon as you receive them, since we want the Call to be in the hands of all the Brotherhood Locals around the middle of the week.

Yours sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

APR:ft
Enclosures

I am here at 4231 Michigan Av.
Will be here until the 8 - Leave
then for New York - Kindly send -
mail here -
Sign my name to the call

Settles

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August 3, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Milton P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Please find attached a letter from the Post War World Council. Miss Mary Hillyer called today and, upon learning that you would not be back in time to speak at this meeting, asked you to send a message by letter or telegram to the meeting. She feels that the March On Washington should be heard from at this meeting on August 6th.

Mr. Sweetland, CIO Director, called long distance from Washington Saturday. He wants you to please send a reply to his telegram asking you to speak on October 24th. Send it to him at 407 L Street, Washington, D. C.

Your office has been completed.

Respectfully yours,

Eugenie Settles

Eugenie Settles

August 4, 1943

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MR. RANDOLPH'S OFFICE

✓1 Clock (For Mr. Randolph)

✓1 Ream Duplicator Paper

✓1 Folder of Carbon Paper

✓1 Box of Lead Pencils

✓2 typewriter erasers

1 Table or desk lamp

✓1 Desk Set (pen & ink) for Mr. Randolph

If Scrap Book Supplies have not been ordered, please do not order.

Thank you.

Eugenie Settles

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MISS EUGENIE SETTLES=:
217 WEST 125 ST NEWYORK NY=

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=KINDLY CALL WARREN BROWN, COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRACY, AND REQUEST HIM TO HAVE COUNCIL =WIRE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO RESTORE FEPC TO INDEPENDENT STATUS RESPONSIBLE TO THE PRESIDENT ALONE AS EXECUTIVE ORDER PROVIDES. SUBMERGENCE OF COMMITTEE IN MAN POWER COMMISSION DESTROYS ITS USEFULNESS. ASK ALFRED BAKER LEWIS GET CDA=

=A PHILIP RANDOLPH.

FEPC CDA. (03).

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Respectfully yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Dear Miss Settles:

Kindly write the Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, for a copy of its pamphlet on Pressure Groups.

You can enclose ten cents in stamps.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
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APR:ft

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Aug. 7, 1942

Dear Mrs. Settles,

Find enclosed copy letter to the Pittsburgh Courier -

I want you to make a release of this letter on mimeograph paper with the name at top as follows:

Press Release
March On Washington Movement
Theresa Hotel Bldg
125th St & 7th Ave New York City

Send the release to all of the Negro papers and all of the Negro columnists of the Pittsburgh Courier, Chicago Defender, Afro-American, Amsterdam News, Etc.
I go to St Paul Sunday - Return

to Chicago Wednesday and leave Wednesday for St Louis - for Meetings 13 + 14 and then to Chicago and to New York - Aug. 17.

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

Settles

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1942

Miss Eugenie Settles, Secretary
Office of Mr. Randolph
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Settles:

In reply to your letter of July 31 addressed to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we are very glad to send you a copy of the Railway Labor Act.

Very truly yours,

V A Zimmer

V. A. ZIMMER
Director

Settles

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August 11, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find the only first class mail we have received since the last mail we sent to you.

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In cleaning out your desk, I found a number of things that had long been considered lost. I also repaired your desk so that now all the drawers lock.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Aug. 11, 1942

Dear Miss Settles

Kindly send this release to the Negro papers and the white dailies of New York City and the Associated Press and United Press of New York City - Thursday when you get it.

Read it carefully and see that there are no mistakes in it

Sincerely

A Philip Randolph

I will be in St Louis Aug. 12-13-14 leave for Chicago Aug. 15 - leave for New York Aug. 17. Writing is on both sides of paper.

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August 14, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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C/o Milton P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find your check.

The March On Washington Movement had its meeting last Wednesday. I will retain the notes from this meeting until you return. Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Stevens came yesterday, and both are very busy.

Perhaps Mr. Totten has already told you that the Secretary-Treasurer's report was omitted from the Tentative Program of the Biennial Convention.

I sincerely hope that the St. Louis meeting tonight will be successful.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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217 W 125TH ST (NEWYORK NY)=

LEAVING TODAY ON GENERAL ARRIVING TOMORROW INFORM BROTHERS TOTTEN PATTERSON AND MCLAURIN=

A PHILIP RANDOLPH.

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August 26, 1942

Miss Myrtle Facey
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Facey:

About August 6th or 7th I sent a letter to Mr. Totten for Mr. Randolph and enclosed therein credentials to the American Federation of Labor convention in October. I do not recall whether or not I sent two copies, one each for Mr. Randolph and Mr. Webster, or four copies--two each for them. Will you do me the kindness to find out from Mr. Totten or his secretary just what he did receive and let me know. I believe the credentials had to be signed by the International Secretary-Treasurer.

I shall appreciate this favor very much.

Fraternally yours,

Francene Thomas

P.S.: Miss Facey, I think one copy for Mr. Webster should be returned to his office if both were sent there.
F.T.

August 26, 1942

SUPPLIES FOR
MR. [illegible]'S OFFICE

1 Telephone Table (Preferably Mahogany)

1 Unabridged Dictionary

1 Large Waste Paper Basket

Thank You.

E. [illegible]

August 28, 1942.

Miss [illegible] Thomas
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Thomas:

According to Mr. Totten, four credentials were received all of which were signed by him. The two pink credentials, one for Mr. Randolph and one for Mr. Webster, were forwarded to the American Federation of Labor and receipt of them has been acknowledged. The blue set is now in Mr. Totten's safe and will be given to each of the delegates before he leaves for the convention.

Mr. Totten states that Mr. Webster will be in the city soon, and he plans to give him his credential at that time.

Fraternally yours,

Eugenie [illegible], Secretary
Office of Mr. Randolph

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss E. Settles
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

8/29/42

Dear Miss Settle:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my inquiry regarding credentials for Mr. Webster.

I am

Gratefully yours,

F. Thomas

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September 14, 1942

Miss E. Settles
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Settles:

Kindly wire Mr. Cornelius W. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, CIO Local, in New Haven, Connecticut, that I will not be able to speak for them September 27. You have his address in the office.

I think I left my eye glasses on my desk or in the drawer. If you find them kindly give them to Mr. Bynum to give to a porter running to St. Louis to give to me. If you do not find them in the office call up Mrs. Randolph, my wife, and ask her if I left them on my dresser and if so you go to my home and get them and give them to Mr. Bynum immediately.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:fw

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September 15, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o E. J. Bradley
11 North Jefferson Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Randolph:

By this time, I hope you have been able to locate your glasses. We have searched your office thoroughly, and Mrs. Randolph states that they are nowhere to be found in the house. She is afraid you may have lost them on the train.

I called New Haven in an effort to reach Mr. Cornelius Scott. His office stated that his whereabouts were unknown, and he was not expected back soon. I am this night writing him a letter to let him know that you cannot speak September 27th.

The New Leader has called several times. They are anxious to give publicity to the policy conference and the highlights of your recent speech.

You left a form letter with Miss Forster to be sent out to all the Soo Line men under the jurisdiction of the Brotherhood. As our files do not contain a list of Soo Line men, it seems probable that some other official of the Brotherhood has this list because these men are not in our zone. Miss Forster is worried about sending out this particular letter because you told her to release it this week.

Otherwise, all is well here.

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September 17, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o E. J. Bradley
11 North Jefferson Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Today Mr. Mark Starr of ILGWU called to reenforce an invitation which he states you are to receive from Mrs. Roosevelt. It seems that she is inviting you to attend a meeting to discuss some problems concerning WPA along with A.F. of L. and C.I.O. representatives.

As you may remember, my vacation begins next week. If you have any reason for wanting it postponed, kindly let me know, and I will gladly do so. I am leaving Miss Forster to work on the scrap book material.

Mr. Noah Walters will attend the conference in Detroit. I hope you are well and will remain so.

Very truly yours,

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Sept 18, 1942

Dear Miss Settles,

You may go on your vacation as you planned.

Tell Miss Foster not to send me any mail. But to keep it for me. She should me the telegrams.

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
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Dear Miss Settles,

Kindly send my mail to me at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Canada

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

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Oct. 8, 1942

Dear Miss Settles,

I send enclosed copy of Objects for the constitution of the March On Washington Movement. Kindly carry it to Mr. Rosenberg. He is printing the proceedings which will include the Constitution. I talked with him about it and he knows where it goes in the Constitution.

I want you to type the editorial and give it to Mr. Theophilus Lewis or leave it at the March On Washington Movements' office for him. Call him up and let him know you have it

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Of course type the objects of the Constitution also

Sincerely

A. Philip Randolph

P.S. Tell Mr. Lewis, I want him to place my name on the march as Editor.

A.P.R.

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October 9, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o King Edward Hotel
34 King Street East
Toronto, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

In your mail shipped today, I am enclosing a few clippings. This weeks papers are full of news of vital interest to you with promises of more to come. We will watch the "Courier", for it seems to be carrying not only all of your press releases, but a goodly amount of press information that you have not released. I am wondering if you would like to have one colored paper mailed to you each week along with your "Nation" and "New Republic".

Mr. Theophilus Lewis came in today expecting some March On Washington material from you. I don't know anything about the material he had in mind. Also, Mr. Stevens asked for a case you are planning to refer to him. While I know that this is the case reported to you by Mr. Richard Bennett of the Fort Worth train porters, I could not locate any detailed information.

From cards received from Mr. Patterson and Mr. McLaurin, they are not sailing very smoothly. It seems that you and Mr. McLaurin are expected to return to the office about the same time. However, whenever he returns, I will ask him to write you regarding the B. & O.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
34 King Street East
Toronto, Canada

October 9, 1942

At present, Miss Forster is working on the form letters which you are sending to all the locomotive firemen and another letter to all the members of the Washington Division. Although I have quite a bit of filing to do, I shall help her as it envolves the backing of approximately 1000 envelopes and mimeographing 1000 letters. We had hoped to have all next week to assemble the scrap book. However, Monday is a holiday (Columbus Day) and the office will be closed.

I sincerely hope that you are well, and that everything pertaining to the Convention moves to your satisfaction.

You may recall that just before you left we received a telegram from Mr. E. J. Bradley asking you to do whatever you could for a Henry Johnson of the St. Louis Division who was in jail in Richmond, Virginia. As you were in Baltimore, Mr. Patterson told me to relay the request to the Richmond Division. In reply, Mr. Granderson of the Richmond Division sent two reports on the case. I made copies of these reports and sent them air mail special to Mr. Bradley over Mr. Totten's signature. It seems that there is not very much that the Brotherhood can do unless it is to pay for legal services. This is not likely to be done because the man is charged with rape at the point of a gun and has a long police record. However, we received a very noble and unselfish seeming letter from the porter denying the charges. He will be tried October 20th.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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October 10, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o King Edward Hotel
34 King Street East
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Randolph:

All the instructions given in your letter which I received this morning have been followed. Mr. Lewis said that the editorial was a little late but he took it.

Your library books were 39¢ overdue when I returned them last Monday.

Tomorrow is Mr. Totten's birthday, so you and your office sent him one dozen roses. If you approve and would care to share the expense envolved, we would greatly appreciate it.

May you have a very pleasant week end.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles
Eugenie Settles

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P. KIRBY HUNT
MANAGER

KING EDWARD HOTEL
TORONTO - CANADA

Oct. 10, 1942

Dear Miss Settle

Received mail and telegrams. I expect to leave for New York, Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Sincerely

A. Philip Randolph

Settler

P. KIRBY HUNT
MANAGER

KING EDWARD HOTEL
TORONTO - CANADA

Oct. 14, 1944

Dear Miss Settler,

Am leaving for New York tonight — Arrive tomorrow morning —

Sincerely
Philip [illegible]

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Oct. 24, 1942

Dear Miss Settles,

Kindly make about 50 copies of this letter and send them over to the March On Washington Movement Headquarters for the committees to use in getting the ministers to back this public prayer meeting.

I want you to write a letter ~~to Rev.~~ ① ~~Maxwell~~ and the ministers ② ~~of Salem M.E.~~, ③ ~~St Mark's M.E.~~ ④ ~~Mother Zion~~, ~~Rev. Bishop~~ ⑤ of ~~St Philip's~~, Metropolitan ⑥ Baptist Church, Bethel ⑦ A.M.E. Church, St James ⑧ Presbyterian Church, Rev John H. ⑨ Johnson, putting the names of the speakers on the letter and mail them yourself with special delivery stamps so they will get them today.

You can let the Committee fill the names of

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Letter to the minister of the Churches of New York
and Brooklyn

Rev Maxwell
Mount Olivet
120 & Lenox Ave
New York City

My dear Rev Maxwell

Ministers of the other churches—

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October 29, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o S. S. Jackson
848 Ossington Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Walter White called to urge you to accept a speaking engagement for November 23rd in Philadelphia. It is a meeting on India sponsored by a Philadelphia peace council including the American Friend Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Felix Morley, president of Haverford College and former editor of the Washington Post will preside, and Norman Thomas is speaking. A written invitation is being sent, according to Mr. White.

Mr. Coleman of the Dunbar called to ask if you had written the letter concerning Mr. Lee.

Dr. Haynes called and is wiring you in regard to a speaking engagement, December 8th in Cleveland.

The Congress of American Soviet Friendship called to say that they had sent the Brotherhood in care of you an invitation and call to their panel discussion and luncheon meeting, but had received no reply. As they sent credentials for your delegate, they would like to have an answer.

It seems that Mr. Osmond Cole, president of the Albany Division of the Brotherhood asked for some material for a meeting, through a letter to Mr. McLaurin. Mr. McLaurin does not know what meeting he is speaking about. Do you know anything about this?

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Toronto, Canada

October 29, 1942

The letters to Reverend Harry E. Fosdick and Dr. David De Sola Pool went out as planned. We have not heard from them as yet and Dr. Ervin feels that they should be given one more day to reply. Did you forget to write letters to Dr. Imes and to Dr. George Haynes?

When relaying your message to Dr. Ervin concerning contacting the Mayor, Dr. Ervin said that Dr. Tobias will not accept because he does not think this is a good plan, and he believes that the Mayor will not like it. Most of the colored ministers will not accept definitely until they know who is going to be on the program. Previously, I had called Captain Harten to give him Dr. Ervin's number. He stated that he would not be able to see the Mayor until Sunday. Now, however, Dr. Ervin will endeavor to reach the Mayor directly.

Your four-page letter to Dr. C. B. Powell went out also.

Miss Lane in having a meeting of the Mass Action Committee tonight to plan further for the Public Prayer Meeting. I will tell you of their plans later.

The political meeting planned by the Speakers' Bureau was successful. All the speakers appeared except the American Labor Party's delegate. The speakers were: William T. Andrews, Ben Davis, Jr., Layle Lane, Ludlow Werner.

Mr. McLaurin returned today. Mr. Totten feels a little better. I hope that your organization meetings are moving to your satisfaction.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

Eugenie Settles

Settle

Oct. 30, 1942

Dear Miss Settle,

Kindly send out the enclosed releases to the Negro and white press as soon as you get them.

Also get Dr. Ervin to get into touch with Captain Harten Secretary to Mayor La Guardia and settle the question of holding the public prayer on the steps of the City Hall.

If the Mayor objects to this, then the public prayer may be held in the park right opposite the City Hall. Dr. Ervin can get permission to hold the prayer there from the police Precinct in this section

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We want you to keep track of what is done on this and keep reminding Dr. Ervin of the necessity of pressing Captain Hacker and if necessary, contact the Mayor himself on this matter.

Sincerely

A. Philip Randolph

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October 31, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o V. I. Coward
3781 Notre Dame Street, West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find letter from Dr. Ervin in regard to his appointment with the Mayor.

Father LaFarge could not accept the invitation because his work relates to social and he cannot offer prayers. However, Mr. Stevens feels certain that he can get another prelate. Reverend Bishop will not accept until he knows who will be on the program. Reverend Sweeney has accepted but he must know also who will be on the program.

Dr. Channing H. Tobias is not in favor of the idea, and of course will not participate.

I have notified Reverend Imes of the exact time and place of the Public Prayer. He is to let us know Monday whether he can participate. As other reports or replies come in, I will notify you. For some reason this affair does not seem to be very well publicized among the members and officers of the March On Washington. It seems that the Mass Action Committee has plans for assisting the Public Prayer; however, I have not been able to find anyone who knows what the plans are. Mr. McLaurin wants to get out leaflets for the meeting, but he says he is having trouble getting information.

I gave Mr. McLaurin a copy of the B & O letter so that he will know the date. You will probably want to telegraph them immediately confirming Nov. 5th as the date for meeting. All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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November 2, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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3781 Notre Dame Street, W.
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Previously, I wrote you concerning a speaking request made by the the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia. You will remember that Mr. Walter White urged that you accept the engagement stating that Norman Thomas would also speak and Felix Morely would preside. It seems that you were asked to speak for this group on the 13th of November and when you found it inconvenient, they changed the date to November 20th. Hence, they did not plan to send you another invitation other than the long distance call to Mr. White asking him to reach you. Mrs. Alberta Morris, who is the chairman of the American Friends Service Committee of 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, called to ask you to wire her immediately collect, your reply so that they may get out their publicity.

As Mrs. Morris called long distance from Philadelphia, to explain their position, I promised her that I would ask you to reply immediately so that they would not be held up any longer.

Dr. Chalmers will be in Boston on November 9th so he will not be able to participate in the Public Prayer. We have sent a letter to Reverend John Paul Jones asking him to participate. By Wednesday, we should know exactly who will be on the program.

As soon as I find out what publicity is being manufactured for the Prayer, I will let you know. I hope you received the wire from us in time to help Mr. McNeal with the Kansas City Southern.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

P.S.: Tomorrow is a holiday.

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Dear Miss Settles,

I got all of the Mail and Telegrams.

Will leave here today for Chicago -

Will write you from there

Sincerely
A Philip Maxwell

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

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Answered by wire 11/5

November 4, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Milton P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Post War Council called today to inquire if you had accepted the speaking engagement in Philadelphia for November 23rd. It seems that they are cooperating with this group also. No doubt you have wired Mrs. Morris your answer by this time.

Dr. Ervin has secured City Hall steps, and has promised the Mayor that there will be a large crowd. It seems that the Mayor would like the publicity to state that no other person in charge was willing or rather liberal enough to permit the March On Washington Movement to use any of their space except him.

Dr. David De Sola Pool has accepted and will be present. Others, who have also definitely accepted, are: Reverend. S. T. Eldridge, Reverend Wm. Llyod Imes, and Reverend Sweeney. You will note reply from Reverend John Paul Jones in your mail. He, too, will probably accept without reservations when he is given the other names of ministers who have accepted. At Mr. Steven's suggestion, we sent your form letter to Father William Patrick Murray of St. Mark's Catholic Church inviting him to participate. To date, we have no representative of the Catholic faith.

Dr. Ervin is anxious to have you back for this meeting. Kindly let him know if you can possibly come. He asked me to make a report on the participating ministers at the meeting tonight.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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November 5, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Milton P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Milgram called today, and for publicity purposes for FEPC, he would be glad to get your present stand on the set up of FEPC. I remembered your last letter to Mr. McNutt, but I did not release this to him for fear it may contain some confidential information. If you want it released to him please let me know as he will send his article to press tomorrow.

Enclosed please find a list of the ministers who have now definitely consented to participate in the Public Prayer. I have sent a copy of this list to Reverend Eldridge so that he may call them together, if he so desires, before the meeting.

The plans for the prayer seem to be shaping up satisfactorily except for this major disturbance aroused by Dr. Powell.

All is well in the Brotherhood office.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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November 5, 1942

Universal Scrap Book Company
27 Warren Street
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Kindly ship us collect or on account the following order at your very earliest convenience.

3 Fillers of grey paper (Sample enclosed)

3 Fillers of manila paper
( Sample enclosed)

Please make these the exact size of the enclosed samples. We would also be glad to receive your price list for scrap books larger than the 10½ by 12 3/4, preferably the 22 by 18 3/4. It must be loose leaf and well-bound.

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=A PHILLIPS RANDOLPH.

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Nov. 6, 1942

Dear Miss Settles

Kindly make out subscription blank and put two dollars check from Brother Totten and send to New Leader —

I go to Winnipeg, Canada Tuesday Nov. 10. Will be there three days - Nov. 11, 12, 13, and then I return to Chicago

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I hope Brother McLaurin went to Baltimore to meet management of B.&O. to check authorization cards.

We have not heard from the Atlantic Coast Line. I'll write them again after election.

My address in Winnipeg will be c/o Arthur R. Blanchette
795 Main St.

Kindly send mail there – Don't send any after Monday Nov. 10, for I leave there Nov. 13, and I would miss it, but you may send telegrams that are urgent.

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A Philip Randolph

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Office of Mr. Randolph

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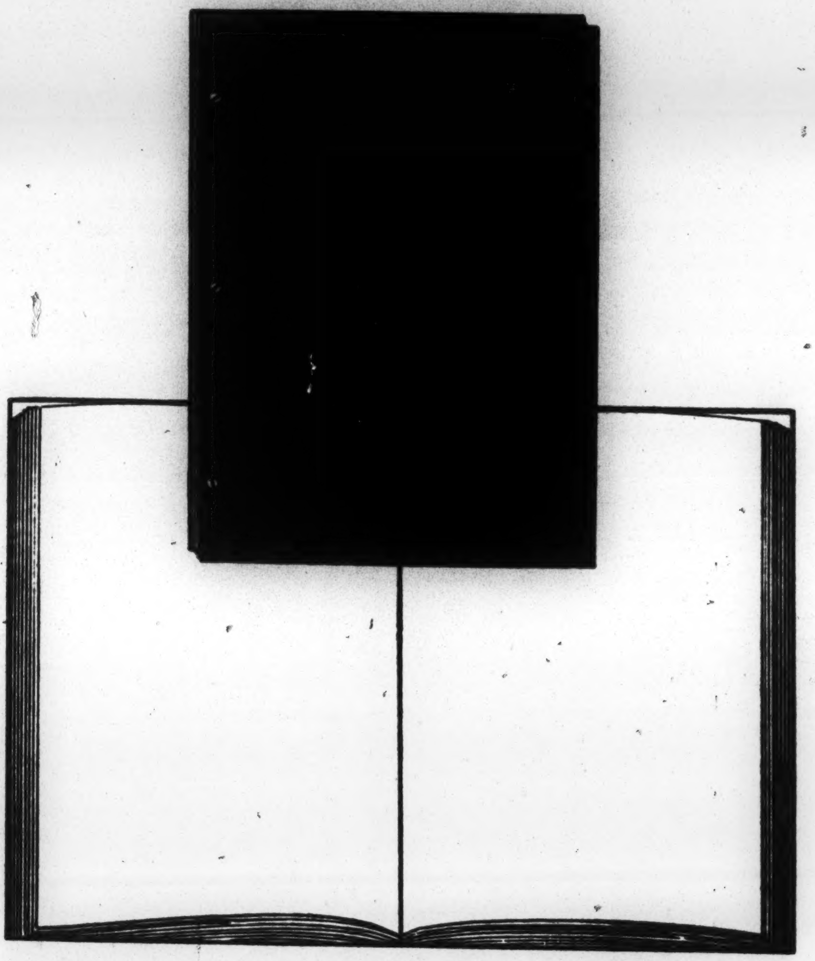

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November 10, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Arthur R. Blanchette
725 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Thanks for your itinerary. I shipped your mail as soon as I received it. According to our air mail schedule, you should be able to receive two mails, the one which accompanies this letter and one on November 12th.

Your subscription for the New Leader was renewed. Today, Mr. Russell Jelliffe called. He was in the city, and as he said: "We are very unlucky" when he learned you were not in, I gathered he had someone with him.

Mrs. Iona Y. Morris called today and asked me to tell you that Mr. Walter White had told her that the NAACP could not cooperate with the March On Washington Movement until you and he met to decide and discuss the present status of the MOWM. This is the order that he has received from his executive board. The question arose in this manner: The Mass Action Committee under the chairmanship of Miss Lane planned to give a demonstration against lynching and the Poll Tax in Harlem to keep the March On Washington before the people of Harlem. Mr. McLaurin alleged that this should not be done without first soliciting the advice and cooperation of the NAACP because anti-lynch action was their field. Consequently, Mrs. Morris contacted the NAACP.

The Public Prayer was very beautiful. All the ministers appeared as scheduled. Unfortunately, they gave me a press release to get out at the last minute, and I missed the first 15 minutes of the program. I understand that Rabbi David De Sola Pool gave a very appropriate and beautiful prayer. I arrived in time to hear Father Bishop's prayer which was wonderful indeed. He has, I think, the most attractively well-modulated voice that I have ever heard.

Mr. A. P. Randolph
725 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada November 10, 1942

Reverend John Paul Jones gave a very militant prayer condemning lynching and race prejudice, and Reverend Imes offered the benediction. The songs were led by Merritt Hedgeman and his YMCA Choir. The entire program was undoubtedly soul-stirring, but unfortunately, there were not many souls for it to stir.

I have completed the re-organization of the March On Washington files, and all the filing is up to date. Miss Forster has practically completed the pasting of all the Brotherhood clippings in the scrap book. However, there is quite a bit of finishing work to be done, but it will be completed by the time you return.

Tomorrow will be a half-holiday for the office, as it is Armistice Day.

It is probably colder and somewhat different in climate there, and it is my hope that you will take all the necessary precautions in order to remain in good health.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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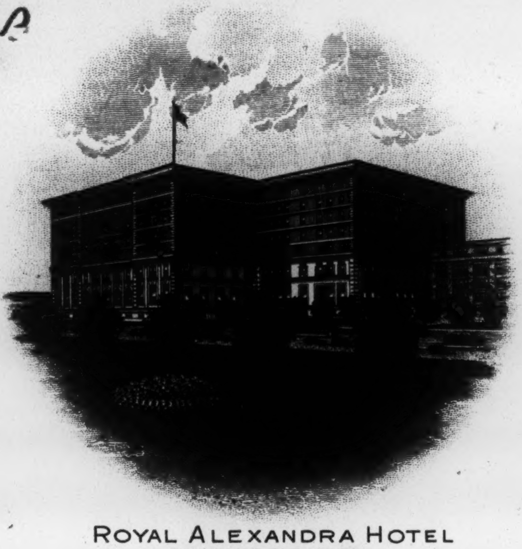

ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOTEL
WINNIPEG, MAN.

Canadian Pacific Hotels

Nov. 14, 1942

Dear Miss Sittles,

I will be in Chicago through the 18th of Nov. Leave on the 19th for New York, if there is no change. Send mail to me there.

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

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November 16, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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C/o Milton P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Dr. George Haynes called today to ask me to inform you that, while you are at the conference in Cleveland December 8th, there will be a separately arranged Interracial Dinner at which informal addresses will be made, on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 P.M. He would like to know if you will consent to make an informal address at this dinner meeting.

As the Conference which you will be attending will be held on the mornings of December 8th and 9th, Dr. Haynes believes that you will be free to join them.

He has asked that you wire your reply to him immediately.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

Eugenie Settles, Secretary

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

This is to remind you that the Workers' Defense League is expecting you to be present on Thursday of this week, November 20th to make an address and also make the award presentation speech for Mr. John Finnerty. Mr. Milgrim has called a few times in an effort to make certain that you had not changed your mind about appearing.

The Brotherhood has reserved a table for ten, and some of the employees plan to be present at the dinner.

May you enjoy your trip home.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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December 2, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Milton P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

It was not possible to secure a lower berth on the 8:00 P.M. train, so a ticket and lower berth was purchased for you on the 7:30 P.M. train leaving for Cleveland on the same night.

Mr. McLaurin asked me if you had as yet written a statement for the Pullman Car Cleaners who seem to be meeting Monday, December 7th. I promised him that I would bring this to your attention.

I neglected to ask you if you still wished me to give you accounts of the proceedings of the March On Washington Movement meetings. I strive to be present whenever you are out of the city and whenever it does not conflict my USO work.

Mr. McLaurin and Miss DeVera Johnson are working on the Locomotive Firemen material. As you may note, your correspondence is decreasing, possibly because much of it is here unanswered. All else seems well here.

Very truly yours,
Eugenie Settles
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Dear Miss Settles

Find enclosed releases to be sent to Negro press and also New York Dailies as soon as you get them. I want you to send all releases to the various March On Washington Divisions throughout the country, each week.

Find also enclosed check for deposit and voucher.

I am leaving here Saturday

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

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Kindly send me
5 copies here —

Dec. 9, 1942

Dear Miss Settles

Kindly mimeograph the enclosed speech and send it to the Negro press — Make about 50 copies — Send out about 25. I will send you some people to whom I wish you to send copies. Send one to ~~P.M. The Nation New Republic~~ — the ~~New Leader~~, ~~the Call~~ — Christian Century + Common Sense and New York dailies. I am also sending you releases to be sent out this week. I suggest you put on envelopes with releases City Editor. It helps to get attention. I'll send the address for my mail —

Sincerely A Philip Randolph

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Dear Miss Settles

Kindly send photo map to Rev. Clifford Morehouse - Editor The Living Church 744 N 4th St, ~~[illegible]~~ Milwaukee, Wis, and a copy of my speech to the Church Congress at Cleveland to him and the persons listed on the enclosed - Kindly keep this list for reference

Read copies carefully and eliminate mistakes, you send them.

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Dear Miss Settles

Find enclosed list of names and address to whom I want you to address and send my Christmas cards. If you don't have enough, order more from Mr. Rosenberg. I want you to order 150 more and send one to each President and Secretary-Treasury of the Brotherhood Locals, including train porters Firemen - and Ladies Auxiliary.

Tell Mr. Totten I want Rosenberg to make additional cards for purpose here expressed.

Sincerely,

A Philip Randolph

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December 11, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Hotel Statler
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The press releases were sent out yesterday as you instructed. Your speech also went out to the press yesterday. Copies of it will be sent to the names on your list today. I have also sent speech and mat to Reverend Morehouse.

Mr. Milgram called to ascertain your whereabouts so that you could speak to Attorney Biddle who has agreed to a conference with you and Mr. Milgram. He also called my attention to Pearl Buck's article in today's P.M.

Mrs. Hedgeman called and requested that I ask you to reserve December 29th. She will write you.

Miss Forster is ill today. The Union official from the A.F. of L. Office Workers Union was here this week and has caused the usual uproar and confusion which seemingly accompany his visits to the Brotherhood.

All your subscriptions have been checked for expiration date. THE NATION subscription will expire December 31st. All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

December 12, 1942

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o A. T. Hubbard
942 Churchill Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Attached please find Application For Mediation Services in triplicate. Kindly place four signatures on each page making a total of 12 signatures. Will you also please add time and place to each application?

Do you wish to have a copy or copies of the Proposed Agreement sent along with these applications?

Find attached also self addressed envelope for your convenience. The delay in sending you these application was caused by the lack of blanks here in the office.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Dec 17, 1942

Dear Miss Settles,

Find enclosed releases for the press, Negro and the New York dailies -

Kindly request Mr. Totten to get me round trip tickets to Chattanooga, Tenn for me to leave Sunday Dec. 20, to arrive there Dec. 21. Have him get bedroom, or roomette or lower. Don't forget this. It must be done right away.

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

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January 4, 1943

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C/o Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Saturday afternoon, you dictated a letter to Mr. F. E. DeFrantz, Secretary of the YMCA in Indianapolis stating that you would speak for them February 7th and for a group in Anderson on February 8th. However, when posting these engagements, I found that you already given February 8th to the Newport News Negro Teachers Association.

If you will kindly let me know which one of the engagements you wish to retain. I might say that both organizations will receive their answers today. The Newport News Teachers Association gave you a choice of date with a preference for February 8th. In view of the enclosed letter you may want to ask them to change.

Enclosed please fine the latest list of your speaking engagements. Note that you are to be in Oklahoma City on February 12th and in New York City February 13th. Can this be done?

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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January 6, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
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4231 South Michigan Avenue
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Dear Mr. Randolph:

Please note letter from Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. I found the original of the letter to which Mr. Parrish referred among mail which you had received while in the city. I had never seen this letter because it went directly to your desk. However, in view of this mishap and the likelihood of similar occurrences unless some disposition is made of this heterogeneous conglomeration of mail now on hand, I have taken the liberty of removing all railroad letters from all of your mail. This includes the L & N letter and the Canadian Pacific reply. The plan is to file all railroad letters as soon as you have read them. I am also removing all second class or printed matter from this accrued mail and arranging the remaining letters in the order of their importance. If there are any that I can answer for you, particularly those dated in October and November, I shall do so.

I hope you will approve of this plan, for I am very anxious to not exceed any authorities. But, as you can see, this mail has become "a mote in my eye, a fly in my coffee, and a lazar at my door". It has tripped us this time and unless it is disposed of, it may trip us again.

Miss Forster is having some difficulty in getting a list of porters who are delinquent in their payments. It seems that this information is not readily accessible. However, the letters you gave her will probably start going out

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois January 6, 1943

today. There seems to be about five or six hundred of these porters.

I did not send any mail to Detroit as there was practically no first class mail other than the replies from the invitations to the meeting Tuesday, January 5th. These were turned over to Mr. McLaurin.

Kindly let me know what is to be done about the conflict in your speaking engagements.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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P.S. Please note check in this mail from Dr. Emory Ross.

E. S.

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January 12, 1943

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Gilbert Johnson of the New York Hampton Club called today to find out if you had accepted their invitation to speak for them January 31st here in New York City. I promised Mr. Johnson that I would try to get a reply from you by Thursday January 14th. They are anxious to complete their program and get out their publicity. Will you kindly let me hear from you in regard to this invitation?

Mr. Henry Craft is also anxious to know whether you will accept their invitation to speak at the Harlem YMCA on January 27th.

Mrs. Hedgeman called to remind you of your engagement to confer with herself and Pearl Buck January 19th.

The Newspapers here are anxious to get a statement from you concerning the postponement of the FEPC hearings. Mr. Wechsler of Washington PM was among those who asked for a statement.

I understand from reliable but unauthorized sources that Miss Forster is leaving. Please let me know what the remainder of your itinerary is so that I may plan the handling of your mail accordingly. All is well here.

Very truly yours,

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February 9, 1943

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

Under separate cover I am forwarding your mail. You will probably want to reply to the letter from the Soo Line Railway arranging conference date for February 25th.

As agreed, you will also find a Schedule of Conferences. Please note that all lines have replied and that all dates are set except those referred to Mr. McNeal. These may also be set by now, but I did not have the dates. The Burlington Lines was asked to give February 27th but their reply has not come in as yet.

Mr. Patterson plans to do the Seaboard Air Line letters today.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Settle.

Feb. 11, 1963

Dear Miss Settles

I got mail, etc.

I'll quickly send out releases right away.

Sincerely
Philip Lamantia

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February 15, 1943

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

Please find enclosed two very important communications. I hope you will let me know whether you plan to attend the conference in Washington by return mail, as a number of people are awaiting your reply. The following people have called in an effort to learn what your plans are: Mr. Walter White, Mr. Roy Wilkins, Mr. Rorty, Miss Raushenbush; I agreed to let them know your decision just as soon as possible.

As your wire came after closing hours, I was unable to send it to Mr. McLaurin tonight; however, I will do so in the morning as soon as I can get his address from Miss Steele.

Miss Bullowa Lipper of Friends of Democracy, Inc. called to find out if you had accepted their request for you to serve on the Coordinating Committee. You told me to call Mr. Crosswaith and find out if this organization had any communists or any communistic tendencies. Mr. Crosswaith says that this group is all right.

At present, untrue rumors concerning the Office Workers Union contract are being circulated among the brothers on the Maintenance Committee and those who frequent the office. Otherwise, all is well, as far as the office is concerned.

It seems that because of the failure of the New York Division to collect more than $38 from a crowd of approximately four or five hundred people at the mass meeting Sunday, the March On Washington Local now finds itself in dire financial straits.

Mr. Patterson left New York today to cover the GM&O wage conference February 17th.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Kindly wire Brother McLaurin to cover districts of L & N. Mediation Board informs me that Townsend has entered representation fight.

A. Philip Randolph

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Feb-17, 1943

Dear Miss Settles,

I have accepted the enclosed engagements — also engagements to speak April 7 at Toledo Y.M.C.A. and Feb-28 at Kansas City, Mo.

Will be in F.E.P.C. Conference in Wash. D.C. Feb. 19 —

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

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Feb. 17, 1943

Dear Miss Settles,

Find enclosed release for press —

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February 24, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
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Dear Mr. Randolph:

In a letter from you to Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope of the Bill Of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Committee at 17 East 42nd Street, you stated that you would be glad to contribute a statement for the Volume--THOMAS JEFFERSON--THEN AND NOW. This article was due February 15th. Mr. Swope has called up several times to find out when you were sending article. They must have it no later than March 1st. Please let these people know what you plan to do, as I have no reply to give them.

A few of the members of the Executive Committee of the New York Division MOWM have asked me to serve as Secretary (Recording) for the New York Division since Mr. Richard Thomas has been unable to serve. I have not readily accepted this post because the tremendous amount of work which this office entails does not admit extra-curricular activities. As a matter of fact, the last few weeks have convinced me that the work in this office is becoming much too difficult for me. The little progress I have been able to make toward straightening out the affairs of this office has been discouraging.

Mr. Patterson has returned to the office, and Mr. Bowe is sending you a report on the C & O conference within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

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Feb. 27, 1943

Dear Miss Settles,

I think you have too much to do to serve as the recording secretary of M.O.W.M.

I will be back March 7.

I went to St. Paul for Conference Feb. 25, and got good results. I have also met Chicago and North Western and the Alton railroads. Mr. McNeal and Mr. Webster are covering roads in the Southwest.

I hope everything goes well.

Sincerely, A. Philip Randolph

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March 1, 1943

Dear Miss Bettles,

Kindly send out the enclosed releases.

Read them carefully —
I'll be back March 7 —

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

Settles

March 3, 1943

Miss Eugenie Settles
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Settles:

Find enclosed check and voucher.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Dear Mr. Randolph:

I wonder if you have been able to answer the letter from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Mr. Patterson and Mr. McLaurin have been told of the date which I believe is March 12th, but as I thought you would return before this, I did not give them a copy of the B & O letter. It is my policy to try to give the officials copies of both the railroad letter and your reply to it.

If you have been unable to get sufficient assistance to answer this letter, perhaps you would like to return the letter to me with your reply in longhand and I will be glad to see that it goes out immediately in the best form. I suggest this because time is short, and in view of the recent Seaboard Air Line mishap, the officials here may be a little uneasy.

It was pleasant to hear that you were successful in your railroad negotiations in the Middlewest. I informed Mrs. Morris, before her resignation, that I could not consider becoming the Recording Secretary of the New York Division of the MOWM. She said that it was probably all for the best. Although I have always contended that all things happen for the best, I realize now just what she had in mind when she made this remark.

Mr. Randolph
Chicago, Illinois

March 3, 1943

To date, I have been able to do all of the filing and clean the files. This was quite a job. I plan to work on the scrap book for the next two days, as it has been sadly neglected for the past two months.

Mr. Randolph, when you return I hope you will find time to discuss office procedures with me so that we can effectively reduce error and delay in the office work. While this is largely my responsibility, I feel certain that you will agree that I am justified in asking for your suggestions and cooperation. I am almost convinced that you do not realize that if you had an effeciently operated office, your work would be simplified and could be completed in a much shorter space of time. You would have more time to do the things that you enjoy doing, and at the same time officials here would be confident that all matter concerning them but controlled by you would be promptly and efficiently taken care of.

Please seriously consider my request for a bit of your time when you return. Kindly let me know your decision on the B. & O matter.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 1943

Dear Miss Settle

Kindly send Mr. Thurman Dodson a letter with call requesting him to sign. Send another to J. Finley Wilson and one to Mr. Julian Steele of Boston. Send one to Bishop Walls of Chicago and Miss Eartha M. M. White Ashley and Broad Sts of Jacksonville, Fla.

Send only one mail to Buffalo.

I haven't gotten any mail up to this day Sunday. Got telegram.

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

Settles

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March 29, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Otis H. Thomas
350 Williams Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

I was sorry to hear that you did not receive any mail in Boston. It was mailed to you Friday evening, first class, special delivery to 158 West Springfield Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The letters went out as you requested. However, I could not find any address for Bishop Walls, so the letter was sent to Mr. Burton with the request that he forward it for us.

Miss Johnson has the entire BLACK WORKER composed with the exception of your editorial. She states that you promised to send it to her, but to date she has not received it. As she seemed somewhat distressed at the prospect of having her work a week or so longer delayed, I told her that you would probably find time to write it while in Buffalo.

The young lady who we planned to integrate into this office will not be able to come until Thursday. All is well here.

Sincerely yours,

Eugenie Settles

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April 8, 1943

Dear Miss Suttles

Add the following names and applications to the enclosed letter to the President - And send to the persons whose names were signed to letter complete group of names as signers, those added first and now.

J. Finley Wilson - Grand Exalted Ruler
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April 10 - 1943

Hon. Franklyn Delano Roosevelt,
President U.S.A.
The White House
Washington - D.C.

My dear Mr. President,

Permit me to send you this addendum of names of persons to be added to the letter sent you April 6, concerning F.E.P.C.

Very Sincerely Yours

A. Philip Randolph
National Director March On
Washington - Movement.

Type and sign my name
A.P.R.

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April 9, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o C. S. Wells
3798 East 146th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Find enclosed an envelope marked "Personal" which was given to me by Mrs. Morris. She said it was very urgent so I am forwarding it to you. Other than the enclosed letter from Mr. White, there was no other important mail.

Miss Jeeters of Dr. Haynes office called to ask about a dinner meeting which she understood was to be held April 12th. I told her that the meeting had been held April 5th, and that I knew that Dr. Haynes was on a Southern tour and could not attend. However, I don't know whether you know this. I understand that Dr. Haynes is not back yet; but he wants you to know that the President is calling a conference in Washington of representative Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and other religious groups.

Dr. James Myers' book, DO YOU KNOW LABOR, has just arrived. All is well here.

Sincerely,

Eugenie Settles
Eugenie Settles

Enroute to
Nashville
April 24, 1943

Dear Miss Settles,

Hope you have sent letters to members of International Executive Board for meetings in Chicago for May 10, 11-12-13.

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

Chicago, Ill,
April 28-'43

Dear Miss Settles,

Kindly send out the enclosed releases right away and add all of the names to the release who signed the call.

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

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April 28, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o M. P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

The letters announcing the International Executive Board meeting were mailed to the Board members April 20th and 21st. No doubt the enclosed letters are responses.

Letters naming Saturday, May 15th as date for the meeting of the Temporary National Committee had already been mailed when you sent word to Miss Myers that date is to be May 14th and 15th.

We are having warm spring weather here at last. Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Patterson have not returned as yet. All is well here.

Sincerely yours,

Eugenie Settles

Eugenie Settles

May 5, 1943

Dear Miss Settle

Find enclosed releases to be sent out immediately —

Will be back Friday morning —

Sincerely
A Philip Randolph

P.S. Kindly read them carefully —

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May 11, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o M. P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed please find your check.

Reverend John Paul Jones called Monday to ask you to speak for his group in June. His letter is in your mail. He wanted an answer to it as soon as possible.

The fact that your stand on the problem of the mine workers was decidedly pro-labor as read and announced over the radio Monday morning has delighted all the officials here. I would like to add my approval also, if I may, for I have been somewhat perturbed by the conspicuous silence of Labor organizations on this problem. However, what annoyed me most was the malicious misrepresentation of this "strike" and its causes by the white press. It is too bad that we have no Negro Westbrook Pegler to "jack them up" about the ethics of the press trade, and and to remind them that the suppression of pertinent facts is as unethical as the presenting of facts in heated language.

According to the papers, all railroads are materializing large profits at present. For example, Chicago Northwestern is earning a 400% profit over normal times.

All is well here.

Sincerely yours,

Eugenie Settles

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May 20, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Otis H. Thomas
350 Williams Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Miss Myers called to say that Dr. Tobias would like you to speak for him again at Bordentown on July 10th at the same conference at which you spoke last year. The subject is: "Developing Techniques for Internal Organizational Cooperation and United Action on Questions Affecting the Welfare of Negroes".

Mr. Collier called to say that the general topic of the meeting on May 27th is: "Democracy On Trial: The Color Issue", and not "Making Democracy Work for Negro Youth" as you stated in your acceptance.

At the meeting last Sunday, $18.50 was cleared. This, of course, does not include the $25 and $5 dollars donations. The total donations were: $32.00 making the total turned over to Mr. Turner: $50.50. Miss Dobard said that they paid $12 for the invitations. She said that she could have had them made for $7 but they would not have had the union seal, and because your name was appearing on them she felt that the union seal should be present. I think this was very thoughtful.

All is well here.

Very truly yours,
Eugenie Settles

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June 2, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o V. I. Coward
49 Denison Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

As it is now June, I am wondering if you plan to send Calls to the Conference to diverse persons and organizations who have been interested in the March On Washington Movement. Mr. Noah Walters called to complain that he had not received a Call. Do you plan to send them to that list of people who you asked to picket?

Mr. Atkinson of Council Against Intolerance called to ask if you would please return letter which you were to endorse. Mr. Crosswaith called to confirm date of the dinner engagement. I hope you recall that it will be Wednesday, June 9th at 12:45 P.M. Perhaps you have planned your return trip so that you will arrive in time for this meeting. Did you receive the tickets for this dinner? I understand they were mailed out May 26th.

Enclosed, please find your check.

In your mail, you will note a letter which Mr. McLaurin is sending to the L & N train porters. In veiw of its contents, you may wish to revise the ones you plan to send out.

The New York Post called to ask what you knew of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. They said that Mr. Whitney of that organization had resigned from the American Civil Liberties Union on an issue concerning discrimination. I will forward any pertinent clippings I may find.

Fraternally yours,

Eugenie Settles
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556 Bathurst St.,
Toronto, Ontario,
June 3, 1943.

Miss Eugenia Settles,
217 West 125th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Settles:

Miss Pauline Meyers will give you some releases on the Broadcast Bulletin from Mr. Thomas and myself which is to take place Sunday Afternoon June 14. I want you to hold the releases and not send them out until after the Breadcast.

Kindly send all my mail c/o Mr. Victor Coward, Secretary Treasurer of the Montreal Division. Send me only one batch of mail since I will be leaving for New York Monday night.

Sincerely yours,

A Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph.

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June 4, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o Victor I. Coward
3781 Notre Dame Street, West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Mr. Milgram called yesterday and asked me to let you know that according to information he has received from reliable sources in Washington, Father Haas, Mr. Biddle and the President are all determined that the present members of the Committee should not remain.

Miss Carrington asked me to say to you that the 9th and 10th of June were unsatisfactory dates for meeting of the Board of Strategy, and that no date has been set. Miss Myers thinks that the Board of Strategy should meet in New York City instead of Chicago, and it seems that Mr. Crosswaith believes this would be best also.

Fraternally yours,

Eugenie Settles

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A. Philip Randolph

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June 21, 1943

Miss Eugenie Settles
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Settles:

Kindly give this matter to Dr. Herbert R. Northrup of Cornell University.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:fw
Encl. 1

Settles

June 21, 1945

Miss Eugenie Settles
217 West 125th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Settles:

Kindly give this matter to Dr. Herbert R. Northrup of Cornell University.

Very truly yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Totten

June 21, 1943

Miss Eugenie Settles
Employee of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

This is to advise you that your resignation as an employee of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has been accepted and that we will expect you to discontinue your services here on July 10th of this year.

With reference to a memo which you left on my desk indicating that you were leaving on the 26th instant for your vacation but that it was your plan to return after one (1) week and to notify what time you would be taking your second week later I might definitely state to you that when you leave on the 26th, you need not return here at all.

The bookkeeper will be instructed to give you two (2) weeks money to cover that vacation period referred to in your letter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

ASHLY L. TOTTEN
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

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June 23, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
C/o M. P. Webster
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed, please find copy of letter sent to me by Mr. Totten.

In view of the work entailed in arranging the affairs of this office so that no unnecessary hardship will be placed upon Miss Alves, I will return to this office after the Chicago Conference to complete giving Miss Alves whatever information she will need to carry on, and to turn this office back over to you. This plan will allow barely enough time to give this assistance.

If this meets with your approval, I suggest that you notify Mr. Totten so that there will not be any misunderstanding on the time of my resignation which is to be effective July 10th.

Very truly yours,

Eugenie Settles

Eugenie Settles

June 24, 1943

Mr. A. Noisette, Secretary
United Sons of Georgia, Inc.
390 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing some literature concerning the March On Washington Movement. We do not have any literature on the DOLLAR A MONTH CLUB other than our membership pledge cards which I am enclosing.

We sincerely hope that the United Sons of Georgia will be able to pledge a monthly contribution to the New York Division of the March On Washington Movement. We will gladly send you more cards if you need them.

May we thank you again for permitting us to visit you and for your constant and ready assistance to this battle of battles against Jim-Crow.

Very sincerely yours,

Eugenie Settles, Secretary
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C/O MRS. GEORGE PHILLIPS
2607 TORBETT STREET
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

KINDLY WIRE MISS MYERS WHETHER DATE OF CONFERENCE CAN BE CHANGED FROM FRIDAY, MAY 14TH TO SATURDAY MAY 15TH. MANY SEEM TO PREFER SATURDAY. URGENT AS MISS MYERS WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUT NOTICES IMMEDIATELY.

EUGENIE SETTLES

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

| CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED | | | |
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| DOMESTIC | | CABLE | |
| TELEGRAM | | ORDINARY | |
| DAY LETTER | | URGENT RATE | |
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| SPECIAL SERVICE | | SHIP RADIOGRAM | |

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MR. WILLIAM BOWE
1012 WEST CHESTNUT STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

KINDLY RETURN TO NEW YORK OFFICE ANY MAIL THERE FOR MR. RANDOLPH. I WILL SEND HIM COPIES OF SAME MATERIAL.

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CHECK

ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

TIME FILED

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

To MR. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 19

Care of or Apt. No. BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

Street and No. C/o MILTON P. WEBSTER

Place 4231 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

YOU RECEIVED LETTER FROM ILLINOIS CENTRAL READING, "IT WILL BE AGREEABLE TO ME TO MEET THE TRAIN PORTERS' REPRESENTATIVES 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD. YOURS TRULY, C. R. YOUNG".

EUGENIE SETTLES

Sender's address for reference

Sender's telephone number

Settle

ET4437

Boston – Mon

Dear Mrs. Settle.

Kindly send to each local in Canada of the Canadian Pacific Railroad copies of letter I received from Mr. McKeon and my reply to him – The last ones. –

Did you send the Bulletin only to all of the locals on the Camp Stool I gave you?

Sincerely
A. Philip Randolph

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING
CAR PORTERS

CORRESPONDENCE

Seymour, W.W.

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1325 Chene, apt 715
Detroit, Mi 48207

Dear Bro. Chief:

Hope you are well. Thought you would like to know Bennie is going in the hospital Sat 8/12.

They will keep him under observation for six days before determining which way to go. To operate or not.

Sincerely
Hazel P. Smith

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H.P. Smith
1325 Chene, apt 715
Detroit, Mi 48207

EISENHOWER USA

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
280 Ninth Avenue
New York City, N.Y. 10001

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## SPECIAL REPORT

TO: All Active and Retired Members of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

July 3, 1973?

It is with deep regret and sincere sorrow that I must report to you the passing of our beloved friend, Brother and former International Vice-President Bennie Smith.

Brother Smith will be laid to rest on Friday Morning July 6, 1973 at 9:00 A.M..

Sister Smith may be reached at 1325 Chene, Elmwood Towers, Apartment 710, Detroit, Michigan.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

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May 30, 1974

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President Emeritus
Mr. C. L. Dellums, International President
Mr. L. J. Shackelford, Jr., International Vice-President
International Executive Board Members
Local Presidents
General Chairmen
Local Secretary-Treasurers
General Membership

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

I would be remiss at this time if, as your fiscal officer, I did not tell you that I sincerely believe that our Brotherhood would be guilty at least of fiscal irresponsibility if we attempted to hold our Convention in September as scheduled.

Other important reasons why the Convention should not be held should also be given some consideration.

May I assure you from the outset that our Organization is not doomed to failure, rather several factors brought on because of Amtrak is responsible for our present unstable financial condition. In spite of Amtrak, I can be very candid in saying that our Organization could very soon be in the best position since Pullman went out of business.

I have had several very fruitful conversations with the Payroll Department of Amtrak, but I must report that at this writing we are not assured that we shall receive monies deducted on schedule. (Hopefully, in three or four months this problem will be solved) Some 375 dues authorization forms have been sent in to Amtrak, and any delay in receiving these amounts on schedule hurts the International financially. I can assure you that this problem is being mutually resolved and we should not lessen our efforts to encourage our members to sign dues authorization forms. I cannot over-stress the difference in budgeting from dues that are deducted as opposed to the dues that are collected in the locals and sent in.

A second problem that exist because of Amtrak is one that seemingly will not be resolved in the immediate future. This problem has to do with the various base points established by Amtrak. As you are aware, Amtrak has established such points as Miami and a few days ago Seattle, and presumably locals will of necessity need to be established at such points. Amtrak seems not to be certain in its own bastion just where other base points are to be established, as they are making frequent and sometimes daily scheduling changes. These changes could cause removal of many of our members from one local probably to another local. Two areas were notified just several days ago that they must now move either to New Orleans or to Los Angeles, and who knows if this is definite. In view of these developments, and other moves around the country that have not yet been brought to my attention, it seems, in my judgement, unfair to many of our brothers to hold a Convention until Amtrak stop shuffling our men around the country, and our locals become firmly established again.

Title IV, Section 401 (b) of the Reporting and Disclosure Act requires that locals elect officers not less than once every three years, and the fact remains that some of our local officers who will be elected in July just might be in some other area and local by September.

Speaking to the financial condition of each local, I have prepared a chart that will show that many of our locals are in poor financial shape and indeed several have already indicated that they would be unable to send delegates to the Convention.

I feel certain as our puzzle problems begin to fall in place, hopefully, within the next eleven or twelve months, and the proper realignment of locals is completed, every member can then be assured of proper representation at our Convention.

In order for this office to develop the proper membership rolls, and votes authorized for each local, I should need to know from each local:

1. What members went to Amtrak? Where are they located?
2. Those who stayed with a railroad.
3. Who took separation allowances and can no longer be counted on our membership rolls?
4. Who has retired (names)? The 60/30 will increase this number, no doubt.
5. A monthly accounting of those who have been furloughed and those who are off sick.

Looking over this list one recognizes that much of this data cannot be readily made available - at least until Amtrak stop shuffling our people - and at least perhaps in early August concerning the retirees.

As responsible unionists we should very carefully consider these points, and I am certain there are others as to why our Convention should be postponed.

I should also say that there has been improvement in the monthly reporting of dues collected, however, when these monies are held in the locals too long, the International budget becomes unmanageable.

The "Miles et al v. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters" case decided in our favor is now behind us, however, the lawyers have not sent in their final billing, and this could be sizeable. We must not underestimate the impact that our certification fight for our coach and chair car people will have on our budget were we to lose this fight. We must not, however, entertain thoughts of losing, rather we must all (officers and members) work hard together so that victory can be assured.

Permit me to digress for a moment and reflect backward into the past. I am certain that there are many among us who feel that it is time to forget the past. With this philosophy, I cannot agree. We need to know of the conditions of the past in order to plan for the future. First, I would remind you of the long valiant struggle that many of you fought in the early days of our Brotherhood. Yes, we had hard times and doubts; there was determination - determination that Pullman was no longer going to walk on us. If you will recall, the early Pullman philisophy did not recognize labor organizations and that their employes could work or quit on the terms offered by Pullman. Can we not say that in many ways Amtrak has been almost as harsh in their thinking? In this our hour of trial, we MUST stand together, but alas, this has not been the case. Many of our once loyal brothers have chosen not to pay dues until our problem with Amtrak is resolved. To those of you who have taken this position, may I say that we need you. This is your union. This is your fight. You must know that in the end you will be the loser if you unwittingly aid and abet the enemy.

There are some who say "merge". To those, may I say,are we as Blacks incapable of maintaining our own organization? Beyond a shadow of a doubt - WE CAN, WE WILL, and WE MUST.

Again let me refer to the past by quoting to you what author Murray Kempton has said about the Sleeping Car Porters as individuals and as an organization. "The sleeping car porter has long since destroyed his faceless persona and made himself a man. He did so not only by organizing a union and lifting himself by his own bootstraps but also through his unvarying support of Randolph. The porter offered dollar for dollar to campaigns which could bring him no personal profit because he understood, from his own life, what Randolph meant when he said that 'the Negro must supply the money and pay the price, make the sacrifices and endure the suffering to break down his barriers'". What a wonderful commentary! What a glorious tribute to your (you and your officers) gallant and successful efforts in the past. Do we not have as much faith and confidence in our own abilities to run, manage and defend our rights as others have in us? I say, very definitely we have the ability, we have the stamina, we have the will to survive! Let's all stand together - work together in harmony so the daily press cannot report our demise. It would be a sad day in the history of the Black race if there was no longer a Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. I bring you these words because I believe in you and your capabilities to make sound decisions. Let's march onward and upward together!

I have enclosed the financial picture of your International and of each local, and I say to you again that, in my judgement, we would be very unwise if we attempted to hold our Convention this year. The last Convention cost your International and the locals in excess of $8,000.00.

I would like to make several suggestions:

1. Postpone the Convention and reschedule it to be convened in eleven or twelve months when the financial condition of the International and the various locals will have improved. This could occur at the time of our Anniversary Celebration.

2. As soon as Amtrak becomes stable and our membership

position becomes clear that we, where needed, realign our locals.

3. If our membership goes way down and, if necessary, we restructure our International staff.

4. Our Constitution and General Rules be modernized as suggested by some of our members.

5. That each Local President and Local Secretary-Treasurer, as soon as possible, give this office a true picture of its membership in line with my membership suggestion.

6. Each of you have ideas that you feel will enhance your union - submit them.

7. Local elections according to law be held as scheduled.

8. That the International Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with our auditor, prepare and submit to you the three year financial statement, and that the ensuing months be added to this report when the Convention month is reset.

I would suggest that each of you carefully consider this letter and notify me of your reaction within ten days.

I sincerely believe our total membership should have this true picture of our Organization and I should like your permission to distribute this entire letter to the various divisions so they may know that we are considering their total interest, and so that they too may have some voice in this serious decision.

With fraternal good wishes to you and yours,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

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International Secretary-Treasurer

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## FINANCIAL STANDINGS OF DIVISIONS

| DIVISION | DATE OF LAST REPORT | BALANCE IN TREASURY |
|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | March 1974 | $ 37.85 |
| Burlington Northern Dining Car Local - Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Baltimore & Ohio- Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| C & O Trainporters | October 31, 1973 | 310.70 |
| Cincinnati - Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Chicago | April, 1974 | 11,239.64 |
| El Paso | May 1973 | 843.22 |
| Jacksonville | May, 1974 | 838.13 |
| SCL Jacksonville Attendants- Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Los Angeles - Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| New York | December, 1973 | 768.71 |
| Penn Parlor Attendants | April, 1974 | 888.74 |
| New Orleans - Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Norfolk & Western Trainporters - Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Oakland | April 1974 | 839.47 |
| Union Pacific System Local - monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Richmond Division - monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Santa Fe System Local - | April, 1974 | 3,494.09 |
| Tampa | April, 1974 | 220.92 |
| Texas and New Orleans | April, 1974 | 663.69 |
| Twin Cities | April, 1974 | 980.44 |
| Washington | April, 1974 | No Funds |
| Unaudited totals from May 1973 to May 1974 | | $21,125.60 |
| | CANADIAN | |
| Toronto | February, 1974 | 1,533.86 |
| Vancouver | May, 1974 | 2,567.05 |
| Winnipeg | March, 1974 | 3,814.18 |
| Montreal - Monthly reports not submitted | | |
| Unaudited total for 1974 | | $7,915.09 |

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## DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORMS SENT IN TO AMTRAK

| | LODGE NUMBER | NUMBER |
|---|---|---|
| New York | 50 | 30 |
| Washington | 52 | 25 |
| Richmond | 52-2 | 13 |
| Jacksonville | 54 | 87 |
| Jacksonville Attendants | 54-1 | 53 |
| Miami | 58 | 16 |
| Chicago | 102 | 58 |
| *Oakland | 200 | 72 |
| Ex-Santa Fe | 202-1 | 21 |
| | | 375 |

*Includes Los Angeles 202

# INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

## FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1974

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Income from Locals | | | $ 96,385 | |
| Interest | | | 10,850 | |
| Rent | | | 800 | |
| Funds from Discontinued Local Divisions | | | 100 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | | | $108,135 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Office Costs: | | | | |
| International: | | | | |
| Salaries | | $65,841 | | |
| Employee Benefits: | | | | |
| Retirement | $9,444 | | | |
| Insurance | 8,068 | 17,512 | | |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Payroll | 10,904 | | | |
| Other | 85 | 10,989 | | |
| Other Office Costs : | | 14,876 | | |
| Total Office Costs | | | 109,218 | |
| Insurance | | | -0- | |
| Depreciation - Note B | | | 893 | |
| Travel Costs | | | 6,170 | |
| Per Capita Affiliations | | | 3,419 | |
| Refund of Dues, Assessments, and Fees - Note D | | | 277 | |
| Accounting Fees | | | 1,705 | |
| Legal Fees | | | 4,319 | |
| Interest | | | 114 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | | 4 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | | | 126,119 |
| EXCESS OF (DISBURSEMENTS) OVER RECEIPTS BEFORE INCOME TAXES | | | | (17,984) |
| INCOME TAXES - NOTE E | | | | -0- |
| EXCESS OF (DISBURSEMENTS) OVER RECEIPTS | | | | $(17,984) |

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**TO ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**
**Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters**

**Re: Financial Statement**

**Dear Sirs and Brothers:**

**Attached for your information is the Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the month of ______APRIL________, 197 4**

**Sincerely and fraternally,**

W. W. Seymour, Sr.
**W. W. Seymour, Sr.**
**International Secretary-Treasurer**

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**enclosure**

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
5253 Thrill Place
Denver, Colorado 80207

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

| APRIL, 1974 | | RECEIPT # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Penn Central | 977 | 1,013.20 |
| | BSCP (Discontinued Pittsburg) | 978 | 1.42 |
| | Norfolk & Western | 979 | 35.70 |
| | Norfolk & Western | 980 | 11.90 |
| | Washington Division | 981 | 100.00 |
| 11 | Oakland Division | 982 | 31.50 |
| | Tampa Division | 983 | 10.50 |
| 12 | Baltimore & Ohio | 984 | 60.00 |
| 15 | Jacksonville Division | 985 | 778.50 |
| | Toronto CPR Division | 986 | 75.00 |
| | Richmond Division | 987 | 50.00 |
| | Vancouver CPR Division | 988 | 75.00 |
| | Union Pacific | 989 | 396.00 |
| | Union Pacific | 990 | 72.00 |
| 17 | Southern Pacific | 991 | 660.00 |
| | Burlington Northern | 992 | 36.00 |
| | Citizens Savings (Interest when transfered to 7½%-4 year) | 993 | 20.02 |
| | Security Savings " " " " " " | 994 | 23.36 |
| 22 | Jacksonville Division | 995 | 655.00 |
| 23 | Atlanta Division | 996 | 73.50 |
| | Southern RR | 997 | 300.00 |
| | Seaboard Coast Lines | 998 | 48.00 |
| | A. T. & S. F. R. R. | 999 | 1,402.00 |
| | Denver & Rio Grande Western | 1000 | 36.00 |
| | C & O | 1001 | 12.00 |
| 29 | Montreal CPR Division | 1002 | 25.00 |
| | Chicago Division | 1003 | 1,856.00 |
| 30 | California Savings (Interest when transferred to 7½%-4 year | 1004 | 46.77 |

## EXPENDITURES

| | | | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A. Philip Randolph | April Pension | 2335 | 200.00 |
| | Halena Wilson | " " | 2336 | 168.00 |
| | Rosina Tucker | " " | 2337 | 148.00 |
| | Ms. E. J. Bradley | " " | 2338 | 100.00 |
| | Ms. T. T. Patterson | " " | 2339 | 100.00 |
| | Hazel P. Smith | " " | 2340 | 100.00 |
| | Violet Totten | " " | 2341 | 100.00 |
| | Elizabeth Webster | " " | 2342 | 100.00 |
| | W. W. Seymour | April Rent | 2343 | 100.00 |
| 4 | L. J. Shackelford, Jr. | Travel and per diem K. C. | 2344 | 105.00 |
| | L. H. Greene, Jr. | Travel and per diem - Washington | 2345 | 30.00 |
| 4 | W. W. Seymour, Sr. | Travel and per diem - Washington | 2346 | 105.00 |
| 5 | New York Division - Penn Central | Amount Due Local | 2347 | 21.30 |
| | BSCP - Discontinued Pittsburg PS | " " " | 2348 | 1.42 |
| | Washington Division - Penn Central | " " " | 2349 | 5.68 |
| | Chicago Division - Penn Central | " " " | 2350 | 8.52 |

| APRIL, 1974 | EXPENDITURES | | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Chicago Division -St. Louis Discon't PC | AMOUNT DUE LOCAL | 2351 | 9.94 |
| | Penn Parlor, Local # 1, Penn Central | " " " | 2352 | 73.84 |
| | Cincinnati Division - Penn Central | " " " | 2353 | 4.20 |
| | Norfolk & Western Trainporter Division | " " " | 2354 | 1.40 |
| | J. W. Cohen, Sr. -Meals and gasoline - Amtrak takeover SCL | | 2355 | 89.12 |
| 6 | RLEA - Assessment #6 | | 2356 | 50.00 |
| | Tilden Financial Corporation - Addressograph Machine | | 2357 | 44.22 |
| | New York State Income Tax Bureau | | 2358 | 37.80 |
| | City Collector - New York | | 2359 | 6.60 |
| | United Bank of Denver (RR Tax, Manhour Tax, Federal Tax) | | 2360 | 2,682.48 |
| | Illinois Department of Revenue | | 2361 | 123.99 |
| | Railroad Retirement Board | | 2362 | 432.00 |
| 8 | Colorado Department of Revenue | | 2363 | 101.04 |
| | Manager of Revenue | | 2364 | 12.00 |
| | Park Avenue Holding Corporation - N. Y. April rent | | 2365 | 312.15 |
| | Levine & Dreisman - February work | | 2366 | 125.00 |
| | L. H. Greene, Jr. - March expenses | | 2367 | 111.38 |
| | Eagle Spring Water Company - New York | | 2368 | 13.33 |
| 11 | Pacific Coast Headquarters - March Expenses | | 2369 | 262.15 |
| | Local #12, Baltimore & Ohio | Amount Due Local | 2370 | 7.50 |
| 15 | New York Telephone | | 2371 | 46.33 |
| | Public Service Company of Colorado | | 2372 | 6.25 |
| | Union Pacific System Local | " " " | 2373 | 58.50 |
| 17 | Oakland Division - Southern Pacific | " " " | 2374 | 28.50 |
| | El Paso Division - Southern Pacific | " " " | 2375 | 12.00 |
| | Texas & New Orleans - Southern Pacific | " " " | 2376 | 12.00 |
| | Los Angeles Division - Southern Pacific | " " " | 2377 | 30.00 |
| | Chicago Division - Burlington Northern | " " " | 2378 | 1.50 |
| | Burlington Northern Dining Car Local | " " " | 2379 | 3.00 |
| | Mountain Bell | | 2380 | 53.19 |
| 19 | Pitney Bowes - Postage meter rental | | 2381 | 37.82 |
| | C. L. Dellums - Travel and per diem - Washington | | 2382 | 433.55 |
| | RLEA, Special Assessment #1 & Assessment #7 | | 2383 | 100.00 |
| 22 | L. J. Shackelford, Jr. - Travel and per diem -Washington & Minneapolis | | 2384 | 295.26 |
| | Tilden Financial Corporation (Purchase option) | | 2385 | 17.55 |
| | Stailey Parker Agency (Insurance on Denver equipment) | | 2386 | 76.00 |
| 23 | Atlanta Division - Southern RR. | Amount Due Local | 2387 | 16.50 |
| | New Orleans Division - Southern RR | " " " | 2388 | 10.50 |
| | New York Division - Southern RR | " " " | 2389 | 6.00 |
| | Washington Division - Southern RR | " " " | 2390 | 4.50 |
| | SCL Jacksonville Attendants Division | " " " | 2391 | 3.00 |
| | Washington Division - SCL | " " " | 2392 | 1.50 |
| | Jacksonville Division - SCL | " " " | 2393 | 1.50 |
| | Santa Fe System Local | " " " | 2394 | 180.00 |
| | C & O Trainporter Division | " " " | 2395 | 1.50 |
| | RLEA, Assessment #8 | | 2396 | 50.00 |
| | Chicago Division - March Expenses | | 2397 | 144.99 |
| | Travelers Insurance Company March premium | | 2398 | 822.17 |
| | Elson, Lassers & Wolff - legal fees | | 2399 | 200.00 |
| | W. W. Seymour, Sr. (balance on travel to Washington) | | 2400 | 222.56 |

## SALARIES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hope S. Bowens | 744 | 81.80 |
| | C. L. Dellums | 745 | 662.50 |
| | L. H. Greene, Jr. | 746 | 475.00 |
| | Pauline Helm | 747 | 107.80 |

| APRIL | SALARIES | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Claudie Jean Rose | 748 | 176.97 |
| | Loleta Seymour | 749 | 183.12 |
| | W. W. Seymour, Sr. | 450 | 500.00 |
| | L. J. Shackelford, Jr. | 751 | 525.00 |
| 8 | Hope Bowens | 752 | 81.80 |
| | Pauline Helm | 753 | 107.80 |
| 15 | Hope S. Bowens | 754 | 81.80 |
| | C. L. Dellums | 755 | 381.25 |
| | L. H. Greene, Jr. | 756 | 274.72 |
| | Pauline Helm | 757 | 107.80 |
| | Claudie Jean Rose | 758 | 176.97 |
| | Loleta Seymour | 759 | 185.12 |
| | W. W. Seymour, Sr. | 760 | 302.20 |
| | L. J. Shackelford, Jr. | 761 | 257.75 |
| 22 | Hope S. Bowens | 762 | 81.80 |
| | Pauline Helm | 763 | 107.80 |
| 30 | Hope Bowens | 764 | 81.80 |
| | Pauline Helm | 765 | 107.80 |
| | CANADIAN EXPENSES | | |
| 1 | A. R. Blanchette (1st. half salary) | 2070 | 500.00 |
| | Swingtime Fashions Inc. (April rent) | 2071 | 90.00 |
| 5 | A. R. Blanchette (Travel and per diem-Ottawa) | 2072 | 74.90 |
| 11 | A. R. Blanchette (March expenses) | 2073 | 131.62 |
| | Minister of Revenue (Tax deposit) | 2074 | 128.75 |
| | Royal Bank of Canada | 2075 | 117.00 |
| | A. R. Blanchette - 2nd. half salary | 2076 | 229.45 |
| 30 | Travelers Insurance | 2077 | 7.60 |

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|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (Royal Bank of Canada) April 1, 1974 | | $2,974.34 |
| Income from Assessments | | 175.00 |
| Returned postdated check for assessments (bank's action) | | -50.00 |
| | | $3,099.34 |
| **EXPENDITURES:** | | |
| Travel (Ottawa) | 14.90 | |
| April salary (net) | 729.45 | |
| Federal Tax Deposit | 117.00 | |
| Provincial Tax Deposit | 95.05 | |
| Quebec Health Insurance Deposit | 16.00 | |
| Quebec Pension Plan | 17.70 | |
| March Office Expenses | 131.62 | |
| April Rent | 90.00 | |
| Travelers Insurance | 7.60 | |
| Per Diem | 60.00 | |
| | $1,279.32 | -1,279.32 |
| Bank Book Balance April 30, 1974 | | $1,820.02 |
| **LIABILITIES:** | | |
| Witholding Taxes (Federal, Provincial, Quebec Pension, &Quebec Health Insurance) | | -245.75 |
| | | $1,574.27 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance April 1, 1974 (United Bank of Denver) | | $13,338.15 |
| **INCOME:** | | |
| Per Capita | $5,783.50 | |
| Joining Fees | 1,350.00 | |
| Total Amounts Due Locals | 504.30 | |
| Discontinued Division | 1.42 | |
| Interest on Savings | 90.15 | |
| | 7,729.37 | 7,729.37 |
| **EXPENDITURES:** | | |
| Salaries (net) | 5,048.60 | |
| Total amounts due and paid to Locals | 504.30 | |
| Pensions | 1,016.00 | |
| Affiliations | 200.00 | |
| Legal Fees | 200.00 | |
| Accounting Fees | 125.00 | |
| Withholding Taxes | 3,395.91 | |
| Travel | 860.49 | |
| Per Diem | 420.00 | |
| New York Office Expenses | 483.19 | |
| Chicago Office Expenses | 144.99 | |
| Denver Office Expenses | 273.26 | |
| Oakland Office Expenses | 262.15 | |
| Addressograph Machine | 61.77 | |
| Travelers Insurance | 822.17 | |
| | 13,817.83 | -13,817.83 |
| Bank Book Balance April 30, 1974 | | $7,249.69 |
| **LIABILITIES:** | | |
| Ladies Auxiliary | 2,652.64 | |
| Santa Fe System Local | 1,618.66 | |
| Legal Fees | 1,200.00 | |
| Taxes (RR, Federal, State, City, Unemployment and Manhour) | 2,821.45 | |
| | 8,292.75 | -8,292.75 |
| | | (1,043.06) |

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June 6, 1974

TO: Members of the International Executive Board
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

FROM: W. W. Seymour, Sr., International Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: International Secretary-Treasurer's letter of May 30, 1974

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

It has just been brought to my attention that perhaps it was not clear to all of our board members that my letter of May 30, 1974 did not go out to the local officials and general membership. Rather, I was first seeking your approval, as board members, to send this letter out.

I would, therefore, appreciate receiving your permission, as board members, so that this letter might go out to the general membership forthwith.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. Seymour Sr.

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June 10, 1974

Mr. W. W. Seymour, Sr.
Int'l Secretary-Treasurer
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Dear Brother Seymour:

In reply to your letter dated May 30, 1974, wherein you cite reasons for your belief "That our Brotherhood would be guilty at least of fiscal irresponsibility if we attempted to hold our Convention in September as scheduled."

I am sorry to say I do not share your belief. I am not in favor of sending such a communication to the Local Presidents, General Chairmen, Local Secretary-Treasurers or the general membership.

I will agree that many of our current problems are as a result of Amtrak's inexperience in operating passenger service. However, I will not agree that Amtrak is responsible for our present unstable financial condition. I am convinced that this Convention should be held as scheduled, to accord all of the members of the Brotherhood a chance to make some kind of input into the program of the Organization that will help us resolve some of our problems.

We should deal with every aspect of continuing to operate our Organization with the income we now have, and consider restructuring our Local and International staff to better service our membership.

I don't feel it is necessary to comment on the lengthy comments you set down in your letter because the main issue is the forthcoming Convention, and for the edification of the total membership, it should be held as scheduled.

Fraternally yours,

L J Shackelford Jr

L. J. Shackelford, Jr.

cc: Messrs. A. Philip Randolph
C. L. Dellums
Members Int'l Executive Board

June 12, 1974

Mr. W. W. Seymour, Sr.
Int'l Secretary-Treasurer
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
5253 Thrill Place
Denver, Colorado 80207

Dear Brother Seymour:

This comes in reply to your letter of May 30, 1974, in which you pointed out reasons why you felt that our Convention of 1974 should be postponed.

First, I want you to understand that I don't receive any satisfaction whatsoever in having to disagree with any of our International Officers, but if I honestly feel that one is making a mistake, I feel that I have the responsibility as a Board member to say so.

I am sorry to say that I do not share your belief that the Convention should be postponed. I sincerely believe that our Brotherhood would be guilty of at least nonfeasance if we did not hold our Convention as scheduled and deal with our problems. Twelve months from now might be too late. According to the pattern reflected in your financial reports for the last twelve months, I can find no reason to believe that our financial condition will be any more secure twelve months from now than it is now. As a matter of fact, if we do not win certification of coach porters, we could face disaster within the next twelve months. If we deal effectively with our coach porters and our dues deduction problems, I think that most of the other problems that you mentioned can readily be resolved.

If any of our Locals are in real need of help in sending delegates to the Convention, I believe that it is the duty and the responsibility of the International to give those Local Divisions whatever help that is needed.

The problem you mentioned concerning membership rolls, and votes authorized for each Local Division should be taken care of by the reports of the Local Secretary-Treasurers.

You mentioned the "Miles, et al vs. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters" case is now behind us. I hope that it will turn out to be that way. However, be mindful of the fact that our lawyers advised Brother Dellums that "under the judicial code, the appellants have a period of 90 days in which to file a Petition for Certiorari so as to seek review by the Supreme Court of the United States of the decision. We do not know whether the appellants will pursue this procedure." That means that the decision handed down by the U. S. Court of Appeals is not final until August 28, 1974.

You may not be aware of the fact that I wrote a letter to Brother Dellums at the beginning of our certification fight for our coach and chair car porters, outlining my thinking on the issue. I have always felt that the only true solution to that problem was to separate the service employees on the Railroad by class and craft, and then fight for certification to represent all of the employees who do porter work. I am more convinced now than ever that this is the fight that we must make, and we must win. I really don't feel that we have moved forcefully enough in that direction. The time to do it is now.

I believe in the philosophy in your quotation of Author Murray Kempton. We do have to finance and fight our own fight. The $8,000.00 figure that you quoted as expense for the last Convention is peanuts as compared to what is at stake right now for the Brotherhood and its members. Postponing our Convention will only compound our problems. We must have our Convention on schedule in order that each Local Division will have a chance to lend a hand in our effort to solve the many urgent and complex problems facing us today.

Conventions are the best and most practical place to make serious decisions that affect all of our members. That is the place where all of our Local Divisions have a chance to share in those decisions that so directly affect the very life of all of our officers, members and their families.

So for the reasons set forth above, I cannot in good faith agree to any postponement of our Convention, nor sending such a communication to the Local Presidents, General Chairmen, Local Secretary-Treasurers or the general membership.

Respectfully yours,

George R. Tillman

George R. Tillman

cc: Messrs. A. Philip Randolph
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July 9, 1975

**MEMO**

**FROM:** W. W. Seymour

**TO:** Local Secretary-Treasurers

I have enclosed herewith credentials in duplicate which are to be filled out, signed and sealed for the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters which will be held in Chicago, Illinois August 25, 1975.

The original credential should be given to the delegate-elect and the duplicate forwarded to me at the International office by return mail.

I have additionally enclosed our financial report for the nine month period which ended April 30, 1975, and further information on Railroad Retirement.

With fraternal good wishes,

W. W. Seymour Sr.

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International Secretary-Treasurer

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Forward to International Secretary-Treasurer, 5253 Thrill Place, Denver, Colorado 80207

## CREDENTIAL FOR DELEGATE

### Fiftieth Anniversary Convention

OF THE
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS, AFL-CIO/CLC

Chicago, Illinois - August 25, 1975

This is to certify that ______________________________
Name

has been duly elected to serve as a delegate to the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

______________________________
Name of Division or Local

Signed ______________________________
President

Signed ______________________________
Secretary-Treasurer

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**To Be Retained By Delegate**

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July 30, 1975

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President Emeritus
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
260 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10010

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a note of thanks to you for sending me a copy of your letter of July 25, 1975 to Brother C. M. Lester.

It is indeed encouraging and an honor to know that our Chief still has confidence in the present leadership of our Brotherhood.

Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn on June 30th. reminded his AFL-CIO audience of the slogan that has been sounding throughout the world for 125 years, "Workers of the world, unite!".

Brother Dellums and I, if reelected, will continue our efforts to bring our membership closer together and to provide the means for further economic gains.

May God grant you continued strength so that your presence will be felt at our forth coming 50th. Anniversary Convention, and in the years to come.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. Seymour Sr.

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December 9, 1977

TO ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Re: Financial Statement

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Attached for your information is the Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the month of NOVEMBER, 1977.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

W. W. Seymour, Sr.
International Secretary-Treasurer

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## BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
5253 Thrill Place
Denver, Colorado 80207
### Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

For the month of November 1977

| NOVEMBER 1977 | RECEIPTS | RECEIPT # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Penn Parlor Division | 2389 | 235.00 |
| | Seattle Division | 2390 | 170.00 |
| | New York Division | 2391 | 90.00 |
| 8 | Seattle Division | 2392 | 1,477.00 |
| 8 | H & RE | 2393 | 195.00 |
| | H & RE | 2394 | 7,475.00 |
| | C & O | 2395 | 60.00 |
| | C & O | 2396 | 20.00 |
| 8 | Los Angeles Division | 2397 | 54.00 |
| 11 | New York Division | 2398 | 25.00 |
| | BSCP | 2399 | 2.00 |
| | Denver & Rio Grande Western | 2400 | 60.00 |
| 18 | Southern Pacific | 2401 | 69.00 |
| | BSCP | 2402 | 7.50 |
| | Union Pacific | 2403 | 100.00 |
| | Union Pacific | 2404 | 100.00 |
| | Southern Railway | 2405 | 460.00 |
| | Santa Fe | 2406 | 540.00 |
| | Union Pacific System Local | 2407 | 40.00 |
| | Montreal CPR Division | 2408 | 640.00 |
| | Toronto CPR Division | 2409 | 480.00 |
| | Vancouver CPR Division | 2410 | 640.00 |
| | Winnipeg CPR Division | 2411 | 500.00 |
| 28 | Penn Parlor Division | 2412 | 108.00 |

| | EXPENDITURES | | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | W. W. Seymour, Sr. | | 4974 | 100.00 |
| | A. Philip Randolph | | 4975 | 200.00 |
| | New York Telephone | | 4976 | 81.75 |
| | Charles Reddick (travel to Miami) | | 4977 | 86.97 |
| 4 | U. S. Postmaster | | 4978 | 100.00 |
| | New York Division (from Richmond) | | 4979 | 18.00 |
| | BSCP (from C& O) | | 4980 | 2.00 |
| | Lee Building Corporation | | 4981 | 397.00 |
| 14 | United Bank of Denver - tax deposits | | 4982 | 2,700.11 |
| | New York State Income Tax Bureau | | 4983 | 68.90 |
| | New York Division | Amtrak | 4984 | 58.00 |
| | Penn Parlor Division | " | 4985 | 32.00 |
| | Washington Division | " | 4986 | 36.00 |
| | Jacksonville Division | " | 4987 | 128.00 |
| | Jacksonville Attendants Division | " | 4988 | 110.00 |
| | Chicago Division | " | 4989 | 108.00 |
| | Twin Cities Division | " | 4990 | 2.00 |
| | Santa Fe System Local | " | 4991 | 40.00 |
| | Oakland Division | " | 4992 | 86.00 |
| | Los Angeles Division | " | 4993 | 58.00 |

## EXPENDITURES

| | | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | New Orleans Division Amtrak Amt Due Local | 4994 | 10.00 |
| | Seattle Division " " " " | 4995 | 64.00 |
| 17 | Steamatic Cleaning Service (complete office clean) | 4996 | 154.00 |
| 18 | BSCP- Texas & New Orleans Amt Due Local | 4997 | 7.50 |
| | Los Angeles Division - So Pacific " " " | 4998 | 1.50 |
| | Union Pacific System Local " " " | 4999 | 20.00 |
| | Atlanta Division So RR " " " | 5000 | 22.00 |
| | New Orleans Division " " " " " | 5001 | 14.00 |
| | Washington Division " " " " " | 5002 | 6.00 |
| | New York Division " " " " " | 5003 | 4.00 |
| 22 | Santa Fe System Local " " " | 5004 | 60.00 |
| | Union Pacific System Local " " " | 5005 | 4.00 |
| | J. W. Cohen - travel for Sept & October | 5006 | 347.70 |
| | Apeco - Maintenance Agreement | 5007 | 190.00 |
| | J. D. Wilcox - October Office Expenses | 5008 | 63.00 |
| | J. D. Wilcox - Travel | 5009 | 198.00 |
| | Mountain Bell | 5010 | 189.64 |
| | Public Service Company of Colorado | 5011 | 33.74 |
| | Levine & Kreisman | 5012 | 125.00 |
| 28 | New York Telephone | 5013 | 96.26 |
| | L. J. Shackelford - travel | 5014 | 108.00 |
| 29 | Wm. H. Bowe - Medical Insurance | 5015 | 23.10 |
| | U. C. Crowder " " | 5016 | 23.10 |
| | Jessica B. Davis " " | 5017 | 23.10 |
| | Bertram Durant " " | 5018 | 23.10 |
| | T. D. McNeal " " | 5019 | 23.10 |
| | John Muse " " | 5020 | 23.10 |
| | New York Division - C & O " " " | 5021 | 6.00 |
| 30 | Kistler Kwill | 5022 | 3.52 |
| | Travelers Insurance | 5023 | 945.50 |
| | Mrs. Wm. H. Bowe Medical Insurance | 5024 | 23.10 |

## SALARIES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | C. L. Dellums | 1740 | 765.19 |
| | Claudie J. Rose | 1741 | 218.39 |
| | L. Seymour | 1742 | 219.27 |
| | W. W. Seymour, Sr. | 1743 | 577.50 |
| | L. J. Shackelford, Jr. | 1744 | 606.38 |
| | James D. Wilcox | 1745 | 550.00 |
| | Hope S. Bowens | 1746 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1747 | 126.31 |
| 7 | Hope S. Bowens | 1748 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1749 | 126.31 |
| 14 | Pauline Helm | 1750 | 126.31 |
| | Hope S. Bowens | 1751 | 97.94 |
| 15 | C. L. Dellums | 1752 | 348.95 |
| | C. J. Rose | 1753 | 218.40 |
| | Loleta Seymour | 1754 | 219.26 |
| | W. W. Seymour | 1755 | 292.33 |
| | L. J. Shackelford | 1756 | 317.15 |
| | J. D. Wilcox | 1757 | 226.55 |
| | C. J. Wilson | 1758 | 120.21 |
| 21 | Hope S. Bowens | 1759 | 97.94 |

| NOVEMBER 1977 | SALARIES | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Pauline Helm | 1760 | 126.31 |
| 28 | Hope S. Bowens | 1767 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1768 | 126.31 |
| | C. J. Wilson | 1771 | 120.21 |
| | **CANADIAN EXPENSES** | | |
| 1 | Marcus Dash (1st. half salary) | 3279 | 550.00 |
| | Gold Castle Holding Ltd. | 3280 | 120.00 |
| 8 | Marcus Dash (October office expenses) | 3281 | 71.34 |
| 15 | Marcus Dash (2nd. half salary) | 3282 | 550.00 |
| 22 | Marcus Dash (Printing of contracts) | 3283 | 85.00 |
| 28 | Montreal CPR Division | 3284 | 64.00 |
| | Toronto CPR Division | 3285 | 48.15 |
| | Vancouver CPR Division | 3286 | 64.15 |
| | Winnipeg CPR Division | 3287 | 50.15 |

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|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (Royal Bank of Canada) November 1, 1977 | | $7,332.93 |
| Income from Dues Deductions (Per Capita and Amount Due Locals) | | 2,260.00* |
| | | 9,592.93 |
| **EXPENDITURES:** | | |
| Salary (Gross) | $1,100.00 | |
| Office Expenses for October | 191.34 | |
| Printing Cost | 85.00 | |
| Amount Due Locals | 226.00 | |
| Bank Charges | .45 | |
| | 1,602.79 | -1,602.79 |
| Bank Book Balance November 30, 1977 | | $7,990.14 |

This amount represents 113 payments.
This is not a membership count.

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|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (United Bank of Denver) November 1, 1977 | | $8,051.84 |
| INCOME: | | |
| Per Capita | $9,019.00 | |
| Amount Due and Paid Locals | 879.00 | |
| Joining Fees | 900.00 | |
| Balance due from Seattle | 100.00 | |
| Balance due from H & RE | 54.50 | |
| Overage (H&RE) | 300.50 | |
| New York Division - toward telephone | 25.00 | |
| Discontinued Divisions | 9.50 | |
| | 11,287.50 | 11,287.50 |
| | | 19,339.34 |
| EXPENDIURES: | | |
| Salaries (net) | 5,800.83 | |
| Pension | 200.00 | |
| Travel | 562.67 | |
| Per Diem | 178.22 | |
| Accounting | 125.00 | |
| Withholding Taxes | 2,769.01 | |
| New York Office Expenses | 638.01 | |
| Denver Office Expenses | 770.90 | |
| Amount Due and Paid to Locals | 879.00 | |
| Medical Insurance | 161.70 | |
| Travelers Insurance | 945.50 | |
| | 13,030.84 | -13,030.84 |
| Bank Book Balance November 30, 1977 | | $ 6,308.50 |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Withholding Taxes | | -3,805.73 |
| | | $ 2,502.77 |

This amount represents 440 payments at various amounts. This is not a membership count.

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February 10, 1978

TO ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
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Re: Financial Statement

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Attached for your information is the Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the month of JANUARY, 1978.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

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## BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
5253 Thrill Place
Denver, Colorado 80207
## Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

For the month of January 1978

| JANUARY 1978 | RECEIPTS | RECEIPT # | AMT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Gibraltor Savings & Loan | 2436 | 383.42 |
| | Chicago Division | 2437 | 3,511.00 |
| | New York Division | 2438 | 198.00 |
| | New York Division - toward telephone | 2439 | 25.00 |
| | Family Savings | 2440 | 189.25 |
| | Oakland Division | 2441 | 100.00 |
| | Broadway Federal Savings & Loan | 2442 | 189.25 |
| 11 | C & O Division | 2443 | 40.00 |
| 13 | Southern Pacific | 2444 | 57.00 |
| | BSCP(SP - T&NO) | 2445 | 6.00 |
| | Seattle Division | 2446 | 212.00 |
| | Oakland Division | 2447 | 18.00 |
| 17 | Union Pacific System Local | 2448 | 100.00 |
| | Union Pacific | 2449 | 80.00 |
| | Southern Railroad | 2450 | 480.00 |
| 20 | Amtrak | 2451 | 8,195.00 |
| 23 | Denver & Rio Grande | 2452 | 60.00 |
| | A. T. & Santa Fe | 2453 | 520.00 |
| | Canadian Pacific (transfer) | 2454 | 5,412.00 |
| 25 | Los Angeles Division | 2455 | 68.00 |
| 26 | Penn Parlor | 2456 | 144.00 |
| 31 | New York Division | 2457 | 306.00 |
| | New York Division(toward telephone) | 2458 | 25.00 |
| | Amtrak | 2459 | 30.00 |
| | Canadian Pacific | 2460 | 40.00 |
| | Montreal CPR Division | 2461 | 660.00 |
| | Toronto CPR Division | 2462 | 440.00 |
| | Vancouver CPR Division | 2463 | 740.00 |
| | Winnipeg CPR Division | 2464 | 600.00 |

| | EXPENDITURES | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Department of Revenue (Denver) | 5069 | 6.00 |
| | United Bank of Denver(RRA & Federal) | 5070 | 2,738.96 |
| | New York State Income Tax Bureau | 5071 | 68.90 |
| | W. W. Seymour - January Rent | 5072 | 100.00 |
| | A. Philip Randolph - January Pension | 5073 | 200.00 |
| | VOID | 5074 | |
| | Illinois Department of Revenue | 5075 | 143.50 |
| | United Bank of Denver (Manhour Tax) | 5076 | 518.50 |
| | Railroad Retirement Board (Unemployment) | 5077 | 833.60 |
| | Colorado Department of Revenue | 5078 | 204.60 |
| 13 | Railroad Retirement Board-medical insurance | 5079 | 23.10 |
| | John Muse " " | 5080 | 23.10 |
| | Bertram Durant " " | 5081 | 23.10 |
| | Jessica B. Davis " " | 5082 | 23.10 |
| | U. C. Crowder " " | 5083 | 23.10 |
| | T. D. McNeal " " | 5084 | 23.10 |

| JANUARY 1978 | EXPENDITURES | CHECK # | AMT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | Wm. Bowe Medical Insurance | 5085 | 46.20 |
| | New York Division - C&O Amt Due Local | 5086 | 4.00 |
| | Los Angeles Division - So Pac " " " | 5087 | 1.50 |
| | BSCP - So Pacific " " " | 5088 | 6.00 |
| 17 | Union Pacific System Local " " " | 5089 | 18.00 |
| | Atlanta Division - Southern " " " | 5090 | 26.00 |
| | New Orleans Division " " " " | 5091 | 14.00 |
| | Washington Division " " " " | 5092 | 6.00 |
| | New York Division " " " " | 5093 | 2.00 |
| 20 | Lee Building Corp | 5094 | 397.00 |
| | New York Telephone | 5095 | 60.04 |
| | Mountain Bell | 5096 | 102.31 |
| | Sarand, Inc. - office supplies | 5097 | 163.48 |
| | Public Service Company of Colorado | 5098 | 55.19 |
| | J. D. Wilcox - Dec office expenses | 5099 | 53.00 |
| | Pacific Coast Headquarters -Nov & Dec office expenses plus return of $10.00 overage | 5100 | 300.09 |
| | Chicago Division- office expenses (less $131.00 shortage on report) | 5101 | 1399.67 |
| 25 | Santa Fe System Local - Amount Due Local | 5102 | 58.00 |
| 27 | U. S. Postmaster | 5103 | 100.00 |
| | Copy Boy - printing | 5104 | 32.16 |
| 30 | New York Division - Amtrak Amt Due Local | 5105 | 52.00 |
| | Penn Parlor Division " " " " | 5106 | 34.00 |
| | Washington Division " " " " | 5107 | 42.00 |
| | Jacksonville Division " " " " | 5108 | 166.00 |
| | Jacksonville Attendants " " " " | 5109 | 116.00 |
| | Chicago Division " " " " | 5110 | 106.00 |
| | Twin Cities Division " " " " | 5111 | 2.00 |
| | Santa Fe System Local " " " " | 5112 | 40.00 |
| | Oakland Division " " " " | 5113 | 88.00 |
| | Los Angeles Division " " " " | 5114 | 72.00 |
| | New Orleans Division " " " " | 5115 | 10.00 |
| | Seattle Division " " " " | 5116 | 82.00 |
| | Travelers Insurance | 5117 | 945.50 |
| | Chicago Division | 5118 | 4.00 |

## SALARIES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | C. L. Dellums | 1786 | 765.19 |
| | Claudie J. Rose | 1787 | 218.39 |
| | L. Seymour | 1788 | 219.27 |
| | W. W. Seymour | 1789 | 577.50 |
| | L. J. Shackelford | 1790 | 606.38 |
| | J. D. Wilcox | 1791 | 550.00 |
| 2 | Hope S. Bowens | 1792 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1793 | 126.31 |
| 9 | Hope S. Bowens | 1794 | 97.71 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1795 | 125.99 |
| 15 | C. L. Dellums | 1796 | 340.15 |
| | Claudie J. Rose | 1797 | 217.87 |
| | L. Seymour | 1798 | 218.71 |
| | W. W. Seymour | 1799 | 290.02 |
| | L. J. Shackelford | 1800 | 314.73 |
| | J. D. Wilcox | 1801 | 224.35 |
| | C. J. Wilson | 1802 | 119.93 |
| 16 | Hope S. Bowens | 1803 | 97.48 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1804 | 125.67 |

|  | SALARIES | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 | Hope S. Bowens | 1805 | 97.71 |
|  | Pauline Helm | 1806 | 125.99 |
| 31 | Carolyn J. Wilson | 1809 | 119.93 |
|  | CANADIAN EXPENSES |  |  |
| 1 | Marcus Dash- 1st. half salary | 3296 | 550.00 |
|  | Gold Castle Holding Ltd. - January Rent | 3297 | 120.00 |
| 15 | Marcus Dash - 2nd. half salary | 3298 | 550.00 |
|  | United Bank of Denver - transfer of funds | 3299 | 6000.00 |
|  | Marcus Dash - December Office Expenses | 3300 | 109.34 |
| 31 | Montreal CPR Division | 3301 | 60.00 |
|  | Toronto CPR Division | 3302 | 44.15 |
|  | Vancouver CPR Division | 3303 | 74.15 |
|  | Winnipeg CPR Division | 3304 | 60.15 |

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|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (Royal Bank of Canada) 1/1/78 |  | $8,605.67 |
| Income from Dues Deductions (Per Capita and Amount due locals) |  | 2,480.00* |
|  |  | 11,085.67 |
| EXPENDITURES: |  |  |
| Salary (Gross) | $1,100.00 |  |
| Office Expenses for December 1977 | 229.34 |  |
| Amount Due Locals | 238.00 |  |
| Transfer of funds to United Bank of Denver | 6,000.00 |  |
| Bank Charges | .45 |  |
|  | 7,567.79 | -7,567.79 |
| Bank Book Balance January 31, 1978 |  | 3,517.88 |

*This amount represents 6 Payments @ $10.00 and 119 payments @ $20.00 plus a $40.00 overage.

This is not a membership count.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (United Bank of Denver) 1/1/78 | | $4,612.13 |
| **INCOME:** | | |
| Per Capita | 13,090.50* | |
| Amount Due Locals | 949.50 | |
| Interest on Savings | 761.92 | |
| Joining Fees | 100.00 | |
| Overages | 110.00 | |
| New York Division - toward telephone | 50.00 | |
| Discontinued Division | 6.00 | |
| Transfer from Canada ($6000.00 less foreign exchange discount of $588.00) | 5,412.00 | |
| Shortage (Chicago) | (131.00) | |
| | 20,348.92 | 20,348.92 |
| | | 24,961.05 |
| **EXPENDITURES:** | | |
| Salaries (net) | 5,677.22 | |
| Pension | 200.00 | |
| Withholding Taxes | 4,514.06 | |
| New York Office Expenses | 510.04 | |
| Chicago Office Expenses $1,530.67 less the $131.00 shortage | 1,399.67 | |
| Denver Office Expenses | 553.14 | |
| Oakland Office Expenses $290.09 plus the overage of $10.00 | 300.09 | |
| Amounts due and Paid Locals | 949.50 | |
| Travelers Insurance | 945.50 | |
| Medical Insurance | 184.80 | |
| | 15,234.02 | -15,234.02 |
| Bank Book Balance January 31, 1978 | | $ 9,727.03 |
| **LIABILITIES:** | | |
| Withholding Taxes | | -3,345.62 |
| | | $6,381.41 |

*498 payments of various amounts comprise this figure. This is not a membership count.

W. W. Seymour Sr.
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January 7, 1978

TO ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Re: Financial Statement

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Attached for your information is the Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the month of DECEMBER, 1977.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

W. W. Seymour, Sr.
International Secretary-Treasurer

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5253 Thrill Place
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Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

For the month of December 1977

| DECEMBER 1977 | RECEIPTS | RECEIPT # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Washington Division | 2413 | 361.00 |
| | Travelers Insurance (refund of last premium for Blanchette) | 2414 | 7.60 |
| | New York Division (toward telephone) | 2415 | 25.00 |
| | New York Division | 2416 | 513.00 |
| | Jacksonville Division | 2417 | 214.00 |
| | Los Angeles Division | 2418 | 50.00 |
| 5 | Atlanta Division | 2419 | 41.00 |
| | Denver & Rio Grande Western | 2420 | 60.00 |
| | Seattle Division | 2421 | 54.00 |
| 6 | Twin Cities Division | 2422 | 332.00 |
| 7 | Southern Pacific | 2423 | 57.00 |
| | Amtrak (H&RE) | 2424 | 7,595.00 |
| 27 | Montreal CPR Division | 2425 | 620.00 |
| | Toronto CPR Division | 2426 | 420.00 |
| | Vancouver CPR Division | 2427 | 577.00 |
| | Winnipeg CPR Division | 2428 | 500.00 |
| | A. T. & Santa Fe | 2429 | 520.00 |
| 28 | Oakland Division | 2430 | 200.00 |
| | Union Pacific | 2431 | 80.00 |
| | Union Pacific | 2432 | 100.00 |
| | C & O Division | 2433 | 60.00 |
| | BSCP (So. Pacific - T&NO) | 2434 | 6.00 |
| | Southern Railway | 2435 | 480.00 |

| | EXPENDITURES | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | W. W. Seymour - December rent | 5025 | 100.00 |
| | A. Philip Randolph - December pension | 5026 | 200.00 |
| 12 | Lee Building Corporation - N. Y. rent | 5027 | 397.00 |
| | Pitney Bowes - Postage meter rental | 5028 | 43.14 |
| | Ronald Jennings - travel - investigation | 5029 | 124.35 |
| 14 | New York State Income Tax Bureau | 5030 | 72.80 |
| | United Bank of Denver - RRA & Federal tax | 5031 | 2,748.83 |
| 15 | Public Service Company of Colorado | 5032 | 55.25 |
| | W. W. Seymour - travel to Chicago | 5033 | 209.00 |
| 16 | New York Division - return of overage | 5034 | 5.00 |
| | Denver Stationery Office Supplies | 5035 | 4.88 |
| | Twin Cities Division- return of overage | 5036 | 2.00 |
| | Atlanta Division - return of overage | 5037 | 5.00 |
| 19 | Pauline Helm - Christmas gift | 5038 | 25.00 |
| | Hope S. Bowens " " | 5039 | 25.00 |
| | Loleta Seymour " " | 5040 | 25.00 |
| | Claudie J. Rose " " | 5041 | 25.00 |
| | C. J. Wilson " " | 5042 | 25.00 |
| 20 | Los Angeles Division - So Pac Amt Due Loc | 5043 | 1.50 |
| | BSCP - Southern Pacific " " " | 5044 | 6.00 |

DECEMBER 1977

## EXPENDITURES

| | | | CHECK # | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | Santa Fe System Local | Amt Due Loc | 5045 | 58.00 |
| | Union Pacific System Local | " " " | 5046 | 18.00 |
| | C & O Division | " " " | 5047 | 6.00 |
| 31 | Pacific Coast Hdqts - Oct Exp | | 5048 | 167.07 |
| | New York Telephone | | 5049 | 44.51 |
| | Mountain Bell | | 5050 | 158.77 |
| | Levine & Kreisman - accounting | | 5051 | 165.00 |
| | J. D. Wilcox-Nov office espenses | | 5052 | 74.37 |
| | Travelers Insurance | | 5053 | 945.50 |
| | U. S. Postmaster | | 5055 | 100.00 |
| | N. Y. Div - So. RR. & Amtrak | " " " | 5056 | 58.00 |
| | Penn Parlor Division " | " " " | 5057 | 34.00 |
| | Washington Div - So. & " | " " " | 5058 | 48.00 |
| | Jacksonville Division " | " " " | 5059 | 168.00 |
| | Jacksonville Attendants " | " " " | 5060 | 108.00 |
| | Chicago Division " | " " " | 5061 | 110.00 |
| | Twin Cities - " | " " " | 5062 | 2.00 |
| | Santa Fe System Local " | " " " | 5063 | 40.00 |
| | Oakland Division " | " " " | 5064 | 82.00 |
| | Los Angeles Division " | " " " | 5065 | 56.00 |
| | New Orleans Division-So&" | " " " | 5066 | 24.00 |
| | Seattle Division " | " " " | 5067 | 44.00 |
| | Atlanta Division - Southern RR | " " " | 5068 | 24.00 |
| | VOID | | 5054 | |

## SALARIES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | C. L. Dellums | 1761 | 765.19 |
| | Claudie J. Rose | 1762 | 218.39 |
| | L. Seymour | 1763 | 219.27 |
| | W. W. Seymour, Sr. | 1764 | 577.50 |
| | L. J. Shackelford, Jr. | 1765 | 606.38 |
| | J. D. Wilcox | 1766 | 550.00 |
| 5 | Hope S. Bowens | 1769 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1770 | 126.31 |
| 12 | Hope Bowens | 1772 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1773 | 126.31 |
| 15 | C. L. Dellums | 1774 | 348.95 |
| | Claudie J. Rose | 1775 | 218.40 |
| | Loleta Seymour | 1776 | 219.26 |
| | W. W. Seymour | 1777 | 292.33 |
| | L. J. Shackelford, | 1778 | 317.15 |
| | James D. Wilcox | 1779 | 226.55 |
| | C. J. Wilson | 1780 | 120.21 |
| 19 | Hope S. Bowens | 1781 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1782 | 126.31 |
| 26 | Hope S. Bowens | 1783 | 97.94 |
| | Pauline Helm | 1784 | 126.31 |
| | C. J. Wilson | 1785 | 120.21 |

## CANADIAN EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Marcus Dash - 1st. half salary | 3288 | 550.00 |
| Gold Castle Holding Ltd.-Dec rent | 3289 | 120.00 |
| Marcus Dash - November expenses | 3290 | 71.02 |
| Marcus Dash - 2nd. half salary | 3291 | 550.00 |
| Montreal CPR Division | 3292 | 62.00 |
| Toronto CPR Division | 3293 | 42.15 |
| Vancouver CPR Division | 3294 | 56.15 |
| Winnipeg CPR Division | 3295 | 50.15 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (Royal Bank of Canada) 12/1/77 | | $7,990.14 |
| Income from Dues Deductions (Per Capita and Amount Due Locals) | | 2,117.00* |
| | | 10,107.14 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Salary (Gross) | $1,100.00 | |
| Office Expenses for November | 191.02 | |
| Amount Due Locals | 210.00 | |
| Bank Charges | .45 | |
| | 1,501.47 | -1,501.47 |
| Bank Book Balance December 31, 1977 | | 8,605.67 |

*This amount represents 105 payments at $20.00 and 1 payment at $17.00. This is not a membership count.

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|---|---|---|
| Beginning Check Book Balance (United Bank of Denver) 12/1/77 | | $6,308.50 |
| INCOME: | | |
| Per Capita | 9,467.50* | |
| Amount Due Locals | 887.50 | |
| Joining Fees | 250.00 | |
| Overage (Amtrak) | 100.00 | |
| New York Division (toward telephone) | 25.00 | |
| Discontinued Division | 6.00 | |
| Travelers Insurance reimbursement | 7.60 | 10,743.60 |
| | | 17,052.10 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Salaries (net) | 5,817.00 | |
| Pension | 200.00 | |
| Travel and per diem | 333.35 | |
| Accounting | 165.00 | |
| Withholding Taxes | 2,821.63 | |
| New York Office Expenses | 515.88 | |
| Denver Office Expenses | 462.04 | |
| Oakland Office Expenses | 167.07 | |
| Amount Due and Paid to Locals | 887.50 | |
| Travelers Insurance | 945.50 | |
| Christmas Gifts | 125.00 | |
| | 12,439.97 | -12,439.97 |
| Bank Book Balance December 31, 1977 | | $ 4,612.13 |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Withholding Taxes | | -4,283.31 |
| | | $ 328.82 |

*This amount represents 477 payments at various amounts. This is not a membership count.

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

W. W. Seymour, Sr.
International Secretary-
Treasurer

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## BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

MEMORANDUM: To All Officers and Members

RE Financial Report

I have enclosed a copy of our Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 1973. I had hoped to be able to report to you at this period and time that our Organization is now operating without a deficit, however, as you will note, one expenditure (Legal Fees) has kept this from becoming a reality.

This splendid showing is a direct result of the fine cooperation received from our officers in their attempt at keeping down expenses and from our entire membership in their meeting their obligation to their Organization. Hopefully, by Convention time next year our Organization will be solidly in the black.

Please see that our membership is appraised of this financial report and give to each of them my sincere thanks for their cooperation throughout the year.

With fraternal good wishes,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

W. W. Seymour, Sr.
International Secretary-Treasurer

## BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
## FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1973

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| Income From Locals | | | $136,266 | |
| Interest | | | 17,227 | |
| Rent | | | 1,200 | |
| Funds From Discontinued Local Divisions | | | 94 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | | | $154,787 |
| **DISBURSEMENTS** | | | | |
| Office Costs: | | | | |
| International: | | | | |
| Salaries | | $86,026 | | |
| Employee Benefits: | | | | |
| Retirement | $12,692 | | | |
| Insurance | 11,507 | | | |
| | | 24,199 | | |
| Taxes: | | | | |
| Payroll | 10,756 | | | |
| Other | 96 | | | |
| | | 10,852 | | |
| Division Office Expenses | | 17,178 | | |
| Total Office Costs | | | 138,255 | |
| Insurance | | | 1,625 | |
| Office Equipment & Furniture Depreciation | | | 851 | |
| Travel Costs | | | 4,017 | |
| Per Capita Affiliations | | | 3,360 | |
| Refund of Dues, Assessments and Fees | | | 604 | |
| Accounting Fees | | | 1,815 | |
| Legal Fees | | | 21,565 | |
| Interest | | | 152 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | | 49 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | | | 172,293 |
| EXCESS OF (DISBURSEMENTS) OVER RECEIPTS | | | | (17,506) |

Submitted by,

W. W. Seymour, Sr.

W. W. Seymour, Sr.
International Secretary-Treasurer

ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

SUBJECT FILE

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING
CAR PORTERS

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February 1, 1966

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York 10027

Dear Chief:

Last Friday Mr. Boeckleman of the Pullman Company called me to inquire about a Wage Assignment Authorization Form that he had received, and wanted to know if I knew anything about it, because he was sure that we did not have a check-off arrangement with the Pullman Company. I told him that I was not familiar with any such Authorization Form and asked him if he would forward the form that he had received to me, which he did. I copied the original, which I am enclosing herewith.

After I read this form, I thought maybe that someone in the New York office had passed them out to the porters to get their opinion of a check-off system and some Brother just took it upon himself to complete one of the forms and send it in to the Pullman Company. Since we did not receive any official communication from you on this matter, I thought this should be brought to your attention.

Fraternally yours,

LJ Shackelford Jr

L. J. Shackelford, Jr.
President
Chicago Division

LJS:gs

Enclosure:
cc: T. D. McNeal

ATTACHMENT "A"

## WAGE ASSIGNMENT AUTHORIZATION

I hereby assign to the BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS that part of my wages necessary to pay my monthly union dues and initiation fees (not including fines and penalties) as reported to the Pullman Company by the General Chairman in monthly statements, certified by him, as provided under the Deduction Agreement entered into by and between the Organization and the Company; and I hereby authorize the Company to deduct from my wages all such sums and to pay them over to the International Secretary-Treasurer of the Organization.

This authorization may be revoked by the undersigned in writing after the expiration of one (1) year, or upon the termination date of the aforesaid Deduction Agreement, or upon the termination of the rules and working conditions agreement, whichever occurs sooner.

NAME: CLAYTON (Last) WILLIAM (First) R. (Middle)

Employee Social Security Account No.: 123-05 9710

Porter (Occupation-Title)

Union Division No.: N.Y.

Employee Acct. No.: 652

Payroll Audit No.: 31808

HOME ADDRESS: 1400 GUSTAV, AVE (Street and Number) UNION, N.J. (City and State)

1 — 27 —, 1966 (Date)

W. R. Clayton (Signature)

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International President

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International Field Representative,

May 2, 1966

File

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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New York, New York 10027

Dear Chief:

I have carefully read and studied the copy of formula worked out by Jack Frye of the Labor Bureau of the Middle West on the question of Job Stabilization with Pullman, which was mailed to me under date of April 7. In my opinion, all four of the paragraphs would give our members a broader protection, and I think we should ask for a conference with the Pullman Company with a thought in mind of negotiating this Stabilization Agreement.

I think we could use our Rock Island Severance Pay Agreement as a guide in the implementation of the first paragraph. We should not have too much difficulty in getting Pullman to agree on the other three paragraphs.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Shack

L. J. Shackelford, Jr.
International Field Representative

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File 69-16-77-95

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July 27, 1966

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York, New York 10027

Dear Chief:

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters received from Mr. T. M. Van Patten confirming our conference held in his office on June 20, 1966, relative to counter proposals submitted by the Railroad and the question of supplemental pensions.

I am also enclosing a letter addressed to you at this address, from Mr. S. W. Amour of the Milwaukee Road confirming our conference held on June 30th.

Fraternally yours,

Shack

L. J. Shackelford, Jr.
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November 23, 1966

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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217 West 125th Street
New York, New York 10027

Dear Chief:

Enclosed herewith is the original copy of the National Mediation Agreement, signed at Chicago on November 3, 1966.

When Mac was in town on his last trip, he told me that he did not have the original copy of the Memorandum Agreement in regard to job stabilization on the Burlington to send you, and he suggested that I send you the original copy for your records.

This is to advise that we do not have the original copy of the Memorandum Agreement, here in Chicago, but we do have the original copy of the Mediation Agreement which is attached to the Memorandum Agreement of November 3rd.

Fraternally yours,

Shack

L. J. Shackelford, Jr.
President
Chicago Division

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**MEMO** 11-21-66

To Mr. A. Philip Randolph

FROM

**JACK FRYE**

LABOR BUREAU OF MIDDLE WEST
1155 FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

Send to Mack

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# BRT
# NOVEMBER 7, 1966

AGREEMENT

DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1966

BETWEEN RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY THE

NATIONAL RAILWAY LABOR CONFERENCE

AND THE

EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN

CARRIERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

AND THE EMPLOYEES OF SUCH RAILROADS

REPRESENTED BY THE

BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN

This Agreement, made this 7th day of November, 1966, by and between the participating carriers listed in Exhibits A, B and C, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and represented by the National Railway Labor Conference and the Eastern, Western and Southeastern Carriers' Conference Committees, and the employees of such carriers shown thereon and represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

## ARTICLE I - WAGE INCREASE

(a) Effective August 12, 1966, all standard basic daily rates in effect on August 11, 1966 shall be increased by 5 percent. The local freight differential shall be maintained.

(b) The increase provided for in Paragraph (a) above, in all classes of road service, shall not apply to existing mileage rates paid for miles over the existing basic mileage day in passenger service (generally 150 miles) and freight service (generally 100 miles). Miles in excess of the applicable basic mileage day shall be paid at the mileage rate in effect on August 11, 1966.

(c) Effective August 12, 1966, the increase in rates of pay provided for in Paragraph (a) will result in the following standard basic daily and mileage rates of pay:

Standard Basic Rates of Pay - As of August 12, 1966:

| | Daily rate | Mileage rate for miles in excess of 150 |
|---|---|---|
| Passenger Conductors | | |
| East | $23.94 | 14.03¢ |
| West | 23.88 | 13.99¢ |
| Southeast | 23.94 | 14.03¢ |
| Assistant Conductors and Ticket Collectors in Passenger Service | | |
| East | $21.85 | 12.91¢ |
| West | 21.80 | 12.88¢ |
| Southeast | 21.85 | 12.91¢ |

## Standard Basic Rates of Pay - As of August 12, 1966 (cont.):

| | Daily Rate | Mileage rate for miles in excess of 150 |
|---|---|---|
| **Passenger Brakemen and Flagmen** | | |
| East | $20.94 | 12.33¢ |
| West | 20.90 | 12.31¢ |
| Southeast | 20.94 | 12.33¢ |
| **Train Baggagemen** | | |
| East | $21.12 | 12.45¢ |
| West | 21.07 | 12.42¢ |
| Southeast | 21.12 | 12.45¢ |

| **Through Freight Conductors** | Daily rate | | Mileage rate for miles in excess of 100 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | East and Southeast | West | East and Southeast | West |
| Basic rates | $23.12 | $23.06 | 20.27¢ | 20.21¢ |
| Rates including car scale additives provided by the agreement of May 26, 1955: | | | | |
| Less than 81 cars | 23.32 | 23.26 | 20.47 | 20.41 |
| 81 to 105 cars | 23.67 | 23.61 | 20.82 | 20.76 |
| 106 to 125 cars | 24.07 | 24.01 | 21.22 | 21.16 |
| 126 to 145 cars | 24.32 | 24.26 | 21.47 | 21.41 |
| 146 to 165 cars | 24.42 | 24.36 | 21.57 | 21.51 |
| 166 cars and over | * | * | ** | ** |

* Add 20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.

** Add 0.20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.

## Standard Basic Rates of Pay - As of August 12, 1966 (cont.):

### Through Freight Brakemen and Flagmen

| | Daily rate | | Mileage rate for miles in excess of 100 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | East Southeast | West | East and Southeast | West |
| Basic rates | $20.88 | $20.83 | 18.45¢ | 18.40¢ |
| Rates including car scale additives provided by the agreement of May 26, 1955: | | | | |
| Less than 81 cars | 21.08 | 21.03 | 18.65 | 18.60 |
| 81 to 105 cars | 21.43 | 21.38 | 19.00 | 18.95 |
| 106 to 125 cars | 21.83 | 21.78 | 19.40 | 19.35 |
| 126 to 145 cars | 22.08 | 22.03 | 19.65 | 19.60 |
| 146 to 165 cars | 22.18 | 22.13 | 19.75 | 19.70 |
| 166 cars and over | * | * | ** | ** |

* Add 20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.
** Add 0.20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.

### Local Freight Conductors

| | Daily rate | | Mileage rate for miles in excess of 100 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | East and Southeast | West | East and Southeast | West |
| Basic rates | $23.68 | $23.62 | 20.83¢ | 20.77¢ |
| Rates including car scale additives provided by the agreement of May 26, 1955: | | | | |
| Less than 81 cars | 23.88 | 23.82 | 21.03 | 20.97 |
| 81 to 105 cars | 24.23 | 24.17 | 21.38 | 21.32 |
| 106 to 125 cars | 24.63 | 24.57 | 21.78 | 21.72 |
| 126 to 145 cars | 24.88 | 24.82 | 22.03 | 21.97 |
| 146 to 165 cars | 24.98 | 24.92 | 22.13 | 22.07 |
| 166 cars and over | * | * | ** | ** |

* Add 20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.
** Add 0.20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.

Standard Basic Rates of Pay - As of August 12, 1966 (cont.):

Local Freight Brakemen and Flagmen

| | Daily rate | | Mileage rate for miles in excess of 100 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | East and Southeast | West | East and Southeast | West |
| Basic rates | $21.31 | $21.26 | 18.88¢ | 18.83¢ |
| Rates including car scale additives provided by the agreement of May 26, 1955: | | | | |
| Less than 81 cars | 21.51 | 21.46 | 19.08 | 19.03 |
| 81 to 105 cars | 21.86 | 21.81 | 19.43 | 19.38 |
| 106 to 125 cars | 22.26 | 22.21 | 19.83 | 19.78 |
| 126 to 145 cars | 22.51 | 22.46 | 20.08 | 20.03 |
| 146 to 165 cars | 22.61 | 22.56 | 20.18 | 20.13 |
| 166 cars and over | * | * | ** | ** |

* Add 20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.
** Add 0.20¢ for each additional block of 20 cars or portion thereof.

Five-Day Yard Service

| | Daily Rate |
|---|---|
| Yard Conductors (Foremen) | $27.88 |
| Yard Brakemen (Helpers) | 25.87 |
| Switchtenders | 23.77 |

(d) Where agreements now provide for additional payment for yard conductors (foremen) acting as footboard yardmasters, such payment shall not be less than two-thirds of one hour's pay in excess of the yard conductors' (foremen's) daily rate.

(e) Effective August 12, 1966, the basic daily rates for car retarder operators in effect August 11, 1966 shall be increased by 5 percent.

ARTICLE II -

In application of the increase provided for in Article I hereof --

(a) Arbitraries, miscellaneous rates or special allowances, including those expressed in terms of miles, as provided in the schedules or wage agreements shall be increased under this Agreement in the same manner as heretofore increased under previous wage agreements.

(b) In determining new hourly rates, fractions of a cent will be disposed of by applying the next higher quarter of a cent.

(c) Daily earnings minima shall be increased by the amount of the respective daily increases. The minimum daily earnings, established by Article II(b) of the Agreement of October 4, 1955, supplemented December 21, 1955, shall, effective August 12, 1966, be as follows:

| | East and Southeast | West |
|---|---|---|
| Conductors | $24.38 | $24.31 |
| Brakemen | 22.01 | 21.96 |

(d) Standard monthly rates and money monthly guarantees in passenger service shall be thirty times the new standard daily rates. Other than standard monthly rates and money monthly guarantees shall be so adjusted that differentials existing as of August 11, 1966 shall be preserved.

(e) Existing monthly rates and money monthly guarantees applicable in other than passenger service will be increased in the same proportion as the daily rate for the class of service involved is increased.

(f) Existing money differentials above existing standard daily rates shall be maintained.

(g) Effective August 12, 1966, existing basic daily rates of pay, other than standard, shall be increased in the same amount of money as provided for standard rates in Article I above.

ARTICLE III - Dining Car Stewards

Effective August 12, 1966, all basic monthly rates in effect on August 11, 1966 shall be increased by 5 percent.

ARTICLE IV - Yardmasters

Effective August 12, 1966, all basic rates in effect on August 11, 1966 shall be increased by 5 percent.

## ARTICLE V - VACATIONS

(1) - Insofar as applicable to employees represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen the vacation agreement dated April 29, 1949, as amended, is further amended by substituting the following Section 1, effective January 1, 1967 for the amended Section 1 contained in the agreement of November 20, 1964:

Section 1 (a) - Effective January 1, 1967, each employee, subject to the scope of schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, will be qualified for an annual vacation of one week with pay, or pay in lieu thereof, if, during the preceding calendar year the employee renders service under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement amounting to one hundred sixty (160) basic days in miles or hours paid for, as provided in individual schedules.

Beginning with the year 1960, in the application of this Section 1(a), each basic day in yard service performed by a yard service employee or by an employee having interchangeable road and yard rights shall be computed as 1.3 days, and each basic day in all other services shall be computed as 1.1 days, for purposes of determining qualifications for vacations. (This is the equivalent of 120 qualifying days in a calendar year in yard service and 144 qualifying days in a calendar year in road service.) (See NOTE below.)

(b) - Effective January 1, 1967, each employee, subject to the scope of schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, having three or more years of continuous service with employing carrier will be qualified for an annual vacation of two weeks with pay, or pay in lieu thereof, if, during the preceding calendar year the employee renders service under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement amounting to one hundred sixty (160) basic days in miles or hours paid for as provided in individual schedules and during the said three or more years of continuous service renders service of not less than four hundred eighty (480) basic days in miles or hours paid for as provided in individual schedules.

Beginning with the year 1960, in the application of this Section 1(b), each basic day in yard service performed by a yard service employee or by an employee having interchangeable road and yard rights shall be computed as 1.4 days, and each basic day in all other services shall be computed as 1.2 days, for purposes of determining qualifications for vacations. (This is the equivalent of 110 qualifying days in a calendar year in yard service and 132 qualifying days in a calendar year in road service.) (See NOTE below.)

(c) - Effective January 1, 1967, each employee, subject to the scope of schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, having ten or more years of continuous service with employing carrier will be qualified for an annual vacation of three weeks with pay, or pay in lieu thereof, if, during the preceding calendar year the employee renders service under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement amounting to one hundred sixty (160) basic days in miles or hours paid for as provided in individual schedules and during the said ten or more years of continuous service renders service of not less than sixteen hundred (1600) basic days in miles or hours paid for as provided in individual schedules.

Beginning with the year 1960, in the application of this Section 1(c), each basic day in yard service performed by a yard service employee or by an employee having interchangeable road and yard rights shall be computed as 1.6 days, and each basic day in all other services shall be computed as 1.3 days, for purposes of determining qualifications for vacations. (This is the equivalent of 100 qualifying days in a calendar year in yard service and 120 qualifying days in a calendar year in road service.) (See NOTE below.)

(d) - Effective January 1, 1967, each employee, subject to the scope of schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, having twenty or more years of continuous service with employing carrier will be qualified for an annual vacation of four weeks with pay, or pay in lieu thereof, if, during the preceding calendar year the employee renders service under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement amounting to one hundred sixty (160) basic days in miles or hours paid for as provided in individual schedules and during the said twenty or more years of continuous service renders service of not less than thirty-two hundred (3200) basic days in miles or hours paid for as provided in individual schedules.

Beginning with the year 1960, in the application of this Section 1(d), each basic day in yard service performed by a yard service employee or by an employee having interchangeable road and yard rights shall be computed as 1.6 days, and each basic day in all other services shall be computed as 1.3 days, for purposes of determining qualifications for vacations. (This is the equivalent of 100 qualifying days in a calendar year in yard service and 120 qualifying days in a calendar year in road service.) (See NOTE below.)

**NOTE:** - In the application of Section 1 (a), (b), (c) and (d), qualifying years accumulated, also qualifying requirements for years accumulated, prior to the year 1960 for extended vacations shall not be changed.

(e) - In dining car service, for service performed on and after July 1, 1949 - each seven and one-half (7½) hours paid for shall be considered the equivalent of one basic day in the application of Section 1(a), (b), (c) and (d).

(f) - Calendar days on which an employee assigned to an extra list is available for service and on which days he performs no service, not exceeding sixty (60) such days, will be included in the determination of qualification for vacation; also, calendar days, not in excess of thirty (30), on which an employee is absent from and unable to perform service because of injury received on duty will be included.

The 60 and 30 calendar days referred to in this Section 1(f) shall not be subject to the 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6 computations provided for in Section 1(a), (b), (c) and (d), respectively.

(g) - Where an employee is discharged from service and thereafter restored to service during the same calendar year with seniority unimpaired, service performed prior to discharge and subsequent to reinstatement during that year shall be included in the determination of qualification for vacation during the following year.

Where an employee is discharged from service and thereafter restored to service with seniority unimpaired, service before and after such discharge and restoration shall be included in computing four hundred eighty (480) basic days under Section 1(b), sixteen hundred (1600) basic days under Section 1(c), and thirty-two hundred (3200) basic days under Section 1(d).

(h) - Only service performed on one railroad may be combined in determining the qualifications provided for in this Section 1, except that service of an employee on his home road may be combined with service performed on other roads when the latter service is performed at the direction of the management of his home road or by virtue of the employee's seniority on his home road. Such service will not operate to relieve the home road of its responsibility under this agreement.

(2) - Section 2 of the Agreement of December 16, 1953 is supplemented by the addition of Paragraph (c-1) and the addition of subparagraphs (8) and (9) of Paragraph (d), as follows:

(c-1) An employee receiving four weeks' vacation, or pay in lieu thereof, under Section 1(d) shall be paid 4/52 of the compensation earned by such employee, under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, on the carrier on which he qualified under Section 1 (or carriers in case he qualified on more than one carrier under Section 1(h)) during the calendar year preceding the year in which the vacation is taken, but in no event shall such pay be less than twenty-four (24) minimum basic days' pay at the rate of the last service rendered.

## Yard Service

(8) An employee receiving four weeks' vacation, or pay in lieu thereof, under Section 1 (d) shall be paid 4/52 of the compensation earned by such employee, under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, on the carrier on which he qualified under Section 1 (or carriers in case he qualified on more than one carrier under Section 1 (h)) during the calendar year preceding the year in which the vacation is taken, but in no event shall such pay be less than twenty (20) minimum basic days' pay at the rate of the last yard service rendered.

## Combination of Yard and Road Service

(9) An employee having interchangeable yard and road rights receiving four weeks' vacation, or pay in lieu thereof, under Section 1 (d) shall be paid 4/52 of the compensation earned by such employee, under schedule agreements held by the organizations signatory to the April 29, 1949 Vacation Agreement, on the carrier on which he qualified under Section 1 (or carriers in case he qualified on more than one carrier under Section 1 (h)) during the calendar year preceding the year in which the vacation is taken; provided that, if the vacation is taken during the time such employee is working in road service such pay shall be not less than twenty-four (24) minimum basic days' pay at the rate of the last road service rendered, and if the vacation is taken during the time such employee is working in yard service such pay shall be not less than twenty (20) minimum basic days' pay at the rate of the last yard service rendered.

## ARTICLE VI - GENERAL PROVISIONS

### (1) APPROVAL

This Agreement is subject to approval of the courts with respect to carriers in the hands of receivers or trustees.

### (2) EFFECT AND DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

(a) This Agreement shall be construed as a separate agreement by and on behalf of each Carrier listed in Exhibits A, B and C and its employees represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

(b) This Agreement is in full and final disposition of the Organization's notices for proposed wage increases and rule changes served on or about July 12, 1966 and the proposals served by the Carriers, parties hereto, on or about July 26, 1966, for concurrent handling.

(c) This Agreement shall remain in effect until changed or modified in accordance with the Railway Labor Act, as amended, subject to the following:

The pay provisions of agreements in effect on August 11, 1966 which are increased by this Agreement as of August 12, 1966, shall remain in effect as increased until January 1, 1968. Any party to this Agreement may serve new notices to change such increased pay rates on or after September 1, 1967, to be effective on or after January 1, 1968.

SIGNED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, THIS 7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1966.

FOR THE PARTICIPATING CARRIERS
LISTED IN EXHIBIT A:

J. W. Oram
Chairman

L. B. Fee

FOR THE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED
BY THE BROTHERHOOD OF
RAILROAD TRAINMEN:

Charles Luna

L. E. Chester

H. M. Mulloy

R. W. Fearn

FOR THE PARTICIPATING CARRIERS
LISTED IN EXHIBIT B:

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Chairman

T. C. DeButts

W. T. Moore

Earl Oliver

M. E. Parks

FOR THE PARTICIPATING CARRIERS
LISTED IN EXHIBIT C:

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APPROVED:

J. Wolfe
Chairman, National Railway
Labor Conference

## EASTERN RAILROADS

**EXHIBIT A**

LIST OF EASTERN RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY THE EASTERN CARRIERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, IN CONNECTION WITH NOTICES, DATED ON OR ABOUT JULY 12, 1966, SERVED UPON VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL EASTERN RAILROADS BY THE GENERAL CHAIRMEN, OR OTHER RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, OF DESIRE TO CHANGE EXISTING AGREEMENTS AS SET FORTH THEREIN, AND PROPOSALS SERVED BY THE CARRIERS FOR CONCURRENT HANDLING THEREWITH

Subject to indicated footnotes, this authorization is co-extensive with provisions of current schedule agreements applicable to employees represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, as indicated by an "x" inserted in Columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and as listed in Column 6 below:

| RAILROAD | Road Conductors | Road Trainmen | Yardmen | Yardmasters | Dining Car Stewards | OTHER |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Akron & Barberton Belt RR Co, The | | | x | | | |
| Akron, Canton & Youngstown RR Co, The | x | x | x | x | | |
| Ann Arbor RR Co, The | x | x | x | | | |
| Baltimore and Ohio RR Co, The | | x1 | x | | x | Switchtenders |
| Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal RR Co, The | | | x | | | Switchtenders |
| Curtis Bay RR Co | | | x | | | |
| Staten Island Rapid Transit Ry Co, The | x | x | x | | | |
| Bangor & Aroostook RR Co | x | x | x | | | |
| Boston & Maine Corporation | x | x | x | | | Car Retarder Operators |
| Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal | | | x | x | | |
| Bush Terminal RR Co | | | x | | | |
| Canadian National Railways | | | | | | |
| Great Lakes Region | | | | | | |
| St. Clair Tunnel Co | | | x | | | |
| St. Lawrence Region | | | | | | |
| Atlantic & St. Lawrence RR )<br>Lewiston & Auburn RR )<br>United States and Canada RR )<br>Champlain & St. Lawrence RR ) | x | x | x | | | |
| Central Railroad Co of New Jersey, The )<br>New York & Long Branch RR ) | | x | x | | | Switchtenders and Car Retarder Operators |
| Central Vermont Ry Inc | x | x | x | x | | Switchtenders |

| RAILROAD | Road Conductors 1 | Road Trainmen 2 | Yardmen 3 | Yardmasters 4 | Dining Car Stewards 5 | OTHER 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago, South Shore & South Bend RR Co | x | x |  |  |  |  |
| Chicago Union Station Co |  |  |  |  |  | Switchtenders |
| Delaware & Hudson RR Corp |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| Detroit and Toledo Shore Line RR Co, The |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| Detroit Terminal RR Co |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| Detroit, Toledo & Ironton RR Co | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Erie Lackawanna RR Co | x | x | x |  | x | Switchtenders; Car Retarder Operators on Erie District only |
| Grand Trunk Western RR Co |  |  | x |  | x | Switchtenders |
| Lehigh & Hudson River Ry Co, The | x | x |  |  |  |  |
| Lehigh & New England Ry Co |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| Lehigh Valley RR Co |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| Maine Central RR Co )<br>Portland Terminal Co ) |  | x | x | x |  | Switchtenders |
| Monon RR Co |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| Monongahela Ry Co |  | x | x |  |  | Switchtenders |
| Montour RR Co )<br>Youngstown & Southern RR Co ) | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM |  |  |  |  |  | Switchtenders and Car Retarder Operators; Operators, Levermen, Train Directors and Operator-Switchtenders on Indiana Harbor Belt RR only. |
| New York Central RR Co, The | x2 | x | x | x2 |  |  |
| Indiana Harbor Belt RR Co |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| Chicago River and Indiana RR Co |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh and Lake Erie RR Co )<br>Lake Erie & Eastern RR Co ) |  | x | x |  |  |  |
| Cleveland Union Terminals Co, The |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| New York Dock Ry |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| New York, New Haven & Hartford RR Co, The ** | x | x | x | x | x | Ticket Collectors and Car Retarder Operators |
| New York, Susquehanna and Western RR Co |  | x | x | x |  |  |
| Norfolk and Western Ry Co (Lines of former New York, Chicago & St. Louis RR Co and former |  | x | x |  |  | Switchtenders |
| Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry Co) | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania RR Co, The | x | x | x |  | x | Switchtenders; Car Retarder Operators; Hump Motor Car Operators; Baggagemen & Ticket Collectors |
| Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines | x | x | x | x |  |  |
| Pittsburg and Shawmut RR Co, The | x | x |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh, Chartiers and Youghiogheny Ry Co |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| Reading Company |  | x | x | x |  | Switchtenders; Car Retarder Operators; Car Riders at Port Reading, N. J. |
| Washington Terminal Co, The |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| Western Maryland Ry Co | x | x | x |  |  | Switchtenders |

NOTES: -

1 - Excludes former B. R. & P. Territory

2 - Canada Division of Northern District only.

** - Subject to approval of the Court.

**FOR THE CARRIERS:**

J. W. Oram

**FOR THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN:**

W. T. Meredith

Chicago, Illinois
November 3, 1966

**EXHIBIT B**

## WESTERN RAILROADS

**LIST OF WESTERN RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY THE WESTERN CARRIERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, IN CONNECTION WITH NOTICES, DATED ON OR ABOUT JULY 12, 1966, SERVED UPON VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL WESTERN RAILROADS BY THE GENERAL CHAIRMEN, OR OTHER RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, OF DESIRE TO CHANGE EXISTING AGREEMENTS AS SET FORTH THEREIN, AND PROPOSALS SERVED BY THE CARRIERS FOR CONCURRENT HANDLING THEREWITH.**

**Subject to indicated footnotes, this authorization is co-extensive with provisions of current schedule agreements applicable to employees represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, as indicated by an "x" inserted in Columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and as listed in Column 6 below:**

| Railroad | Road Conductors | Road Trainmen | Yardmen | Yardmasters | Dining Car Stewards | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Alton and Southern RR | | | x | | | |
| Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry, The | | x | x | | x | Mail Pilers, Mail Piler Helpers<br>Motor Coach Operators (San Francisco Bay Area) |
| Bauxite & Northern Ry | | | x | | | |
| Belt Railway Company of Chicago, The | | | x | x | | Switchtenders, Car Retarder Oprs. |
| Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Ry | x | x | x | x | | |
| Camas Prairie RR | | 1x | | x | | |
| Central California Traction Co. | x | | | | | |
| Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR | x | x | x | | | |
| Chicago & Illinois Midland Ry | x | x | x | | | |
| Chicago & North Western Ry (Including former L&M, former M&StL, former MI, former CStPM&O and former Railway Transfer Company of the City of Minneapolis) | 2x | x | 3x | 4x | | Car Retarder Operators, Hump Yard, Proviso, Illinois |
| Chicago and Western Indiana RR | | | x | x | | Switchtenders |
| Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR | | x | x | | x | |
| Chicago Great Western Ry | | x | x | | | |
| Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific RR | | x | x | | x | Switchtenders, Car Retarder Operators |
| Chicago Produce Terminal | | | | | | Switchtenders |
| Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific RR | x | x | | | | |
| Warren & Ouachita Valley Ry Co. | x | x | | | | |
| Chicago Short Line Ry | | | x | | | |

| Railroad | Road Conductors<br>1 | Road Trainmen<br>2 | Yardmen<br>3 | Yardmasters<br>4 | Dining Car Stewards<br>5 | Other<br>6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago, West Pullman & Southern RR | | | x | | | |
| Colorado & Southern Ry Co, The | | x | x | x | x | |
| Columbia and Cowlitz Ry | | | x | | | |
| Denver & Rio Grande Western RR, The | | x | | | x | |
| Des Moines Union Ry Co | | | x | | | |
| Duluth Union Depot & Transfer Ry | | | x | | | |
| Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific Ry | x | x | x | | | |
| East St. Louis Junction RR | | | x | x | | |
| Fort Worth & Denver Ry | | x | | | x | |
| Fort Worth Belt Ry | | | x | | | Switchtenders |
| Galveston, Houston & Henderson RR | | | x | x | | |
| Green Bay & Western RR | x | x | x | | | |
| Kewaunee, Green Bay & Western RR | x | x | | | | |
| Houston Belt & Terminal Ry | | | x | | | |
| Illinois Central RR | | x | x | | x | Includes suburban collectors and flagmen; Switchtenders; Car Retarder Operators |
| Illinois Northern Ry | | | x | | | Switchtenders |
| Illinois Terminal RR | x | x | x | x | | |
| Joint Texas Division of CRI&P RR and FtW&D Ry | | x | | | | |
| Kansas City Southern Ry | | x | x | | | |
| Kansas City Terminal Ry | | | | x | | |
| Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf Ry | | x | x | | | |
| King Street Passenger Station | | | x | | | |
| Lake Superior & Ishpeming RR | x | x | x | | | |
| Louisiana & Arkansas Ry | | 5x | 6x | | | |
| Longview, Portland & Northern Ry | x | x | x | x | | |
| Los Angeles Junction Ry | | | | x | | |
| Manufacturers Ry | | | x | x | | |
| Midland Valley RR | x | x | x | x | | |
| Minneapolis, Northfield & Southern Ry | x | x | x | | | |
| Minnesota, Dakota & Western Ry | | | x | | | |
| Minnesota Transfer Ry | | | x | | | |
| Missouri-Illinois RR | | x | | | | |
| Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR, Co | | x | x | | | |
| Missouri Pacific RR, Co (7) | | x | x | x* | x | |
| New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal | | | x | | | |
| New Orleans and Lower Coast RR Co | x | x | | | | |
| Norfolk and Western Ry Co | | | | | | |
| (Former Wabash, lines West of Detroit) | | x | 8x | | x | Switchtenders |
| ( " " , lines East of Detroit) | x | x | | | | |
| Northern Pacific Ry Co | | x | x | | x | Switchtenders |

| Railroad | Road Conductors | Road Trainmen | Yardmen | Yardmasters | Dining Car Stewards | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Northwestern Pacific RR | | x | | | | |
| Ogden Union Railway & Depot Co, The | | | x | | | Switchtenders-Herders |
| Peoria and Pekin Union Ry | | | x | | | Switchtenders |
| Port Terminal Railroad Association | | | x | | | |
| St. Joseph Terminal RR | | | x | | | |
| St. Louis-San Francisco Ry | | x | x | | x | Switchtenders |
| St. Louis Southwestern Ry | x | x | x | x | | |
| San Diego & Arizona Eastern Ry | | | x | | | |
| Soo Line RR | 9x | x | x | | | Switchtenders, Baggagemen & Baggagemen Helpers |
| Southern Pacific Co. (10) | | x | | | x | |
| South Omaha Terminal Ry Co | | | x | x | | |
| Spokane, Portland & Seattle Ry Co Sys Lines | | | x | | x | |
| Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis | | | x | | | Switchtenders |
| Texas and Pacific Ry | | x | x | | x | Switchtenders |
| Abilene and Southern Ry Co | | x | | | | |
| Texas-New Mexico Ry Co | | x | | | | |
| Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Ry | | x | | | | |
| Texas Mexican Ry | x | x | x | | | |
| Toledo, Peoria & Western RR | x | x | x | x | | Switchtenders |
| Union Pacific RR | | x | x | | x | Train Baggagemen, Switchtenders |
| Union Terminal Ry Co)<br>St. Joseph Belt Ry Co) | | | x | | | |
| Union Terminal (Dallas) | | | x | | | |
| Western Pacific RR | | x | | | x | |
| Wichita Terminal Association | | | x | | | |
| Yakima Valley Transportation Co | x | x | | | | |

NOTES: -

1 - The authorization for Road Trainmen applies to that portion of the Camas Prairie covered by the Northern Pacific schedule for Train and Yardmen.

2 - Former MI only.

3 - Except on former M&StL and former Railway Transfer of the City of Minneapolis and Yard Foremen, Chicago Switching District.

4 - Former L&M only.

NOTES: - (Continued)

5 - Texas subdivision only, and white Flagmen between Shreveport and New Orleans, Louisiana.

6 - Greenville, Texas, New Orleans, Louisiana and Engine Foremen only at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

7 - Includes former Union Railway Company - now a part of Missouri Pacific proper.

* Palestine Division, Corpus Christi and Freeport Subdivisions of the Kingsville Division of the Gulf District only.

8 - Including Chicago Switching District.

9 - On former DSS&A only.

10 - This authorization also includes; former El Paso and Southwestern System Brakemen; Texas and Louisiana Lines Brakemen and Bus Operators and former Pacific Electric Conductors, Brakemen, and Yardmen.

FOR THE CARRIERS:

F. J. Robertson

FOR THE
BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN:

W. J. Meredith

Chicago, Illinois
November 3, 1966

**EXHIBIT C**

## SOUTHEASTERN RAILROADS

**LIST OF SOUTHEASTERN RAILROADS REPRESENTED BY THE SOUTHEASTERN CARRIERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, IN CONNECTION WITH NOTICES, DATED ON OR ABOUT JULY 12, 1966, SERVED UPON VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL SOUTHEASTERN RAILROADS BY THE GENERAL CHAIRMEN, OR OTHER RECOGNIZED REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, OF DESIRE TO CHANGE EXISTING AGREEMENTS AS SET FORTH THEREIN, AND PROPOSALS SERVED BY THE CARRIERS FOR CONCURRENT HANDLING THEREWITH.**

This authorization is limited in coverage to those employee groups the rates of pay and working conditions of which are governed by the current schedule agreements, under which such employee groups are represented by the above-named Brotherhood, and on behalf of which and on which groups such notices were served.

Atlanta and West Point Rail Road Company
  The Western Railway of Alabama

Atlanta Joint Terminals

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company

Central of Georgia Railway Company

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company

Clinchfield Railroad Company

Georgia Railroad

Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company

Jacksonville Terminal Company

Kentucky and Indiana Terminal Railroad

Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company

Mississippi Central Railroad Company

Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company

Norfolk and Western Railway Company
  (Atlantic and Pocahontas Regions)

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company

Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company

Southern Railway Company
  Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company
  Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company
  Georgia Southern and Florida Railway Company
  Harriman and Northeastern Railroad Company
  New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad Company
  New Orleans Terminal Company
  St. Johns River Terminal Company

Tennessee Central Railway Company

Terminal Railway Alabama State Docks

**FOR THE CARRIERS:**

W. S. Macgill

**FOR THE EMPLOYEES:**

W. L. Meredith

Chicago, Illinois
November 3, 1966

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January 25, 1967

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
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New York, New York 10027

Dear Chief:

Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to all Railroad Brotherhood Chiefs by Brother C. E. Kief of the Third Division, National Railroad Adjustment Board.

On Monday evening, January 23rd, Brother Kasamis, the labor representative on the Third Division, called me and told me that the RLEA was meeting with the labor members of the Board in the Board office of the Third Division to work out some method by which the Third Division could effectively handle Scope Rule cases in accordance with the recent Supreme Court decision with regard to third-party notices.

I attended this meeting and, after listening to the comments from the various Chiefs, the subject matter discussed did not apply to us because, to my knowledge, we only have one third-party notice and that notice is with the United Transport Workers Union, which is not a standard railway union and would not come before the RLEA.

At this meeting, Brother Leighty announced that he is calling a meeting of all Chiefs, in Miami, on February 22, 1967, to decide on what methods can be used to have all third-party notices settled between the chiefs instead of bringing them to the Third Division. You will probably receive a letter to this effect, because he announced that all Chiefs would be notified.

Fraternally yours,

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L. J. Shackelford, Jr.
International Field Representative

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Subject: National Railroad Adjustment Board
(Correspondence)

January 24, 1967

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Edward H. Wolfe, IBEB
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Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Under date of December 13, 1966, I wrote you explaining the backlog of printing of Adjustment Board Awards, and requested information that would enable us to secure bids from other printers.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation in supplying the desired information. I'm sure this will be most helpful to our Committee.

To give you an idea of the amount of backlog of our printing, attached is a Memorandum dated January 23, 1967 over the signature of the Administrative Officer, Patrick V. Pope, which is self-explanatory.

Basically, we drop six months behind every year.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. Kief

Chairman - Estimates, Appropriations
and Disbursements Committee

CEK/bjs

cc: Messrs:
J. P. Tahney, Mbr., EA&D
W. R. Meyers, Mbr., EA&D
R. E. Stenzinger, Mbr., EA&D

January 23, 1967

Memorandum to Mr. C. E. Kief, Chairman, E. A. and D. Committee
Mr. H. V. Bordwell, Vice Chairman, E. A. and D. Committee
All Members, E. A. and D. Committee

1. The following awards were sent to the printer during fiscal year 1966, and the funds for their printing have been obligated. However, they must now be converted into volumes, and the estimated cost is shown below:

| Division | Number of Awards | Approximate Cost of Volumes |
|---|---|---|
| First | 30 | $500.00 |
| Second | 149 | 4,600.00 |
| Third | 649 | 12,000.00 |
| Fourth | 108 | 1,400.00 |
| Totals.... | 936 | $18,500.00 |

The following number of awards were adopted during fiscal year 1966 and not yet forwarded to the printer:

| Division | Number of Awards | Approximate Cost of Printing Pamphlet Copies | Approximate Cost of Volumes |
|---|---|---|---|
| First | 177 | $4,425.00 | $3,000.00 |
| Second | 181 | 4,525.00 | 4,600.00 |
| Third | 903 | 22,575.00 | 16,500.00 |
| Fourth | 55 | 1,375.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Totals | 1,316 | $32,900.00 | $25,100.00 |

2. The following number of awards were adopted during the present fiscal year (July 1, 1966, through December 31, 1966) and not yet forwarded to the printer:

| Division | Number of Awards | Approximate Cost of Printing Pamphlet Copies | Approximate Cost of Volumes |
|---|---|---|---|
| First | 130 | $3,250.00 | $2,100.00 |
| Second | 94 | 2,350.00 | 2,300.00 |
| Third | 491 | 12,275.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Fourth | 35 | 875.00 | 500.00 |
| Totals | 750 | $18,750.00 | $13,900.00 |

3. A tabulation of the above tables indicates a printing backlog of approximately $109,000. Since it is quite apparent that $36,500 will be the maximum amount allocated for printing each fiscal year, it will require all the funds allocated for fiscal years 1967, 1968, and 1969 ($109,150) to eliminate the present printing backlog. Therefore, all awards adopted this month (January, 1967) cannot be forwarded to the printer until after July 1, 1969, a lapse of 2½ to 3 years. It must also be noted that the $36,500 allocated each year will, at best, cover only half of the estimated printing requirements for each fiscal year.

Accordingly, all awards adopted in January, 1968, will be forwarded to the printer after July 1, 1971, a lapse of 3½ to 4 years; and awards adopted in January, 1969, will be forwarded to the printer after July 1, 1973, a lapse of 4½ to 5 years, etc.

Patrick V. Pope

Patrick V. Pope
Administrative Officer

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February 8, 1972

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation with Mr. J. D. Panfil, Superintendent, Staff Services, regarding my letter addressed to you under date of January 31, 1972, in which I requested that six of twelve jobs now operating out of Los Angeles be moved from Los Angeles to Chicago:

This is to advise that after communicating with our International President, it was decided that we withdraw our proposal as outlined in my letter of January 31st.

In my conversation with Mr. Panfil, he informed me nothing had been done on this matter to date, and that he would withdraw our proposal.

Yours truly,

L. J. Shackelford Jr.

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International Vice President

cc: Mr. C. L. Dellums

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July 9, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your kind remarks in connection with my illness, and this is to say that I am taking my rest. I am only working part time each day.

I will appreciate very much your stopping over in Detroit in route to New York and if you can inform me as to the time of your arrival and if you will have time to talk to the group I will arrange for one joint meeting during your stay.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you, also kindly remember us to Mrs. Randolph, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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I hope you are feeling better.

Fraternally yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]

July 14, [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Brother:

Thanks a lot for your letter of July [illegible]. Glad to [illegible] you are feeling better.

I will write you from Chicago [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a couple of days [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or two.

Kindly remember me to the [illegible]. With cordial good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 14, 1941

Mr. Eddie Brown
Vine Grove, Ky.

Dear Brother Brown:

Your letter under date of June 10, 1941 addressed to Brother A. Phillip Randolph, International President Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has been referred to me for consideration and reply.

It is hardly necessary to remind you of our conversation during my recent visit to Louisville in which you no doubt, recall that I explained to you that before the Brotherhood could proceed with respect to an investigation in connection with your employment conditions it would be absolutely necessary that we have a great majority of the Porter personnel in that particular Industry.

Also, you no doubt, recall that you promised in an effort to accomplish this you would furnish me with the names and addresses of the Porters operating out of your Division so that we may endeavor to contact them and determine as to their status and enduce them to become members of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters so that we could accomplish for them the things that they desire. In other words the protection of a bona-fide labor organization.

I also recall that you understood the necessity of securing the required number as members, for some reason I have not heard from you with respect to any information in connection with the names and addresses and I am sure that you understand that before we can proceed, of necessity, we must first have in the organization ~~of~~ the majority of the employes in this class of service before we can proceed to get the relief prayed for.

May I expect to hear from you more often, in addition to having your continued support and cooperation.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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July 14, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I appreciate very much you forwarding to me a copy of the letter addressed to you over the signature of Eddie Brown of Vine Grove, Kentucky, Train Porter over the L&N.

There is no question in my mind but that the Management is correct in some cases where they take the position that they cannot take a porters word. Unfortunately that happens to be so in this particular case.

Referring further to this matter, I talked with this Train Porter during my recent visit to Louisville, Ky. and I have discovered that he did not live in Vine Grove, nor is Vine Grove a Division point for the Train Porters from this Division. He lives at Louisville, Kentucky, address unknown. He was born in Vine Grove and some of his people live at Vine Grove and for some reason he did not care to explain why he had all of his mail addressed to Vine Grove, general delivery, which necessitates his mail being forwarded to him at Louisville. However, I explained to this Brother and he pretended to me that he understood that it would be necessary for us to get the majority of the train porters in that service before we could proceed to negotiate an agreement for them, or for that matter to take up any matters pertaining to their working condition or the pay that they may receive and he promised that not only would he continue to pay his dues under those conditions but that he would furnish me with the names and addresses of the Louisville Train Porters on the L&N in order that we might be able to contact them through mail and other means in an effort to secure the membership and when we had the great majority of them in the organization we would be glad to proceed with respect to bringing about a Contract for them. Now, I made him understand this very thoroughly, I even went so far as to explain that we would have to have in excess of fifty one percent before westarted, because of past experience we knew that with a bare fifty one percent it could be easily disturbed by the Management if they so desired, therefore, we would strive for atleast seventy percent of the porter personnel on the L&N before we attempted to negotiate for them. Now, just why he will continue to write you I fail to understand.

I am under another cover writing him today and reminding him of the fact that the letter addressed to you has been referred to me for reply and I shall call to his attention our lengthy conversation during my recent visit to Louisville.

From this you will learn that I am steadily improving in health and acting upon your advise in taking the rest cure along with my treatment.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you, while everything else moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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July 16, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
11 N. Jefferson Street
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I was indeed glad to hear from you and to note that you are still enjoying good health, and this is my hope that your sojourn to St. Louis will be a pleasant one and a safe return.

Permit me to insist on you stopping over at Detroit for a few hours in-route back to New York. It is not necessary to hold any meetings during your stay, but I would appreciate you stopping over for atleast one night just for a little talk over things in general.

The weather is unusually warm here and the meetings can very well be handled by me during this period, later on we can plan for some meetings here in Detroit when you will have more time to stay, and I will not burden you with any meetings during this trip.

We will arrange for you to stop at the house and it will not be necessary to have hotel accommodations unless, ofcourse, you so desire.

May we expect you to stop over?

With kindest personal regards to yourself and family, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

July [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

Just a word to thank you for your letter of July [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Kindly remember me to the [illegible]. [illegible]

Fraternally yours,

Smith

July 21st, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway - Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I have been wondering whether it might not be a good thing to have McLaurin make a trip over your Zone and hold meetings in the various districts. This might help to arouse and stimulate the [illegible] until you are able to make a trip yourself. In fact, it is my hope [illegible] when you are able to make your next trip that I may make the trip with [illegible]

I have felt that if McLaurin could make a trip of [illegible] ten or twelve days over the various districts and give them a few [illegible] may increase dues' paying among some of the delinquent members and [illegible] reinforce your letter-writing campaign, which you can carry on at [illegible]

Let me know what you think of this. Now, Brother [illegible] plans to go on a vacation the first of August and will be away about [illegible] He could plan to make the trip when he returns, if you are not feeling [illegible] enough to make it yourself.

Kindly remember me to the Madam. I was unable to [illegible] by on my return East because I came directly from St. Louis for a conference which I had in New York the next day.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 23, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 21st and may I say that in connection with the trip over the Zone by McLarin early in September, I would prefer holding in abeyance my opinion on that matter depending on developments. Right now, and I believe the same condition will apply early in September due to the Labor Day Movement and increased Pullman service with the speeding up of the all-out-aid-to-Britian program a great majority of the men especially the extra men will be out of the city and the regular employes, it has been my experience unless we have something spectacular to offer, in my opinion no one but yourself could induce an appreciable number to come out to the meetings, and after all the men have got to be reached and the most effective method of reaching them is by some contact man who lives in the District. As is elsewhere mentioned my experience has been that quite a number of the Porters and Attendants who attend the meetings will become greatly enthusiased like some Negroes in a church after listening to a good sermon, but without some method of constantly contacting them they would soon grow cold, and the best method of contact is some inducement to a few enthusiastic and loyal Brotherhood men in the district to constantly keep this thing before them.

I might further add that after a careful survey I have reached the conclusion that the most effective method in increasing the membership and dues paying is to be able to visit these various districts and defend these men when some-Spotter report or other charges are placed against them. As in evidence of that fact we have doubled our membership in Pittsburgh since the winning of the Jones case, which proves that that was more effective than any previous visits ever made to that district despite what we had to offer. The same is true in Indianapolis, the winning of the case there has increased the membership from one to about sixty percent of the District. The same is true in Detroit, due to the defense of Attendants and Porters we have gotten men into the organization here, who I was confident would never become members. Even the man who sat with the Management during the election here in Detroit to determine the choice of representation has come into the organization for no other reason than the protection that was given other men when trouble arose.

Cincinnati is another example, I need not remind you that during the Conference when we had the entire International Staff, we were able to get one man and his wife out to a meeting, but being able to go to Cincinnati and defend a couple of brothers on a Spotter report and fortunately winning them, you have only to look at the financial membership of Cincinnati as compared to the other efforts put forth, other than what is mentioned elsewhere.

It might interest you to know that out of eight hundred fifteen men, which comprise the Zone about seven hundred four are in the organization. Of that eight hundred fifteen there are about thirty men who are carried on the Roster, that in my opinion will never be able to perform the duties as Attendants or Porters in the service of the Pullman Company due to illness and other causes. Leaving us about one hundred eleven in the Zone that we have not yet reached. Of the total membership sixty percent are financial as of July 1, 1941, which in my opinion compares favorably with the percentage of financial men of the various zones.

Our immediate program is to bring the other two hundred eighty four who remain four or more months in arrears within the financial limit. Many of them, although six or more months in the arrears are paying occasionaly but have not yet gotten within the financial bounds.

While on the subject of finance, I would appreciate it if you would again remind Brother Totten to try to send me as much as fifty ($50.00) dollars per month toward the deficit that was caused in the operation of the Brotherhood's business until same is wiped out.

I am very sorry that due to time and other causes you were not able to stop by Detroit in-route to New York as I had several matters to talk over with you, that, can however, wait until such time we are able to make the trip over the Zone together, which I believe will be appreciated by a great majority of the men. If for no other reason than to make them feel that the International President occasionally visits them as he does members elsewhere. The effect in my opinion will stimulate them.

Please accept my congratulations on your masterful address over the radio a few weeks ago. It was during my illness and I was indeed proud for the Brotherhood to be on a nation wide hook up in a cause that means so much to the Negro workers in Particular and the workers in general. Ofcourse, as was to be expected through the Negro Press, dut to professional jealousy there were wome who did not see the issue, but the white press certainly gave us everything that could be expected under the circumstances and will no doubt, influence the Negro Press to take a different view.

I am also proud that Roosevelt acted upon your recommendation and placed Brother Webster on the Committee. That, too, spells progress for the Brotherhood and confidentially speaking I am glad that the NAACP and the strike breaking Urban League have no place on this Committee. My only hope is that the Committee will issue a statement of policy through the press so that there can be no misunderstanding as to the Committee's functioning.

Within the next six or eight weeks, depending upon developments you might consider a trip over atleast a portion of my Zone and perhaps, in Canada, provided, however you can get some relief from the pressure.

Louisville, Cincinnati and Nashville are the three weak points where the bulk of the non-members are.

I might suggest, however, that Brother McLarin take about ten or twelve days early in September at Nashville, a couple of days in Chattanooga and as long as possible at Louisville. Nashville and Louisville being the weakest in the Zone.

You can let me know what you think about that.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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July 24, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached is copy of letter from Eddie Brown of Vine Grove, Kentucky, which is self explanatory. Also a copy of the names of Train Porters with no seniority dates, over the signature of the Train Master at Louisville.

Brown contends that Cox and Mitchell have only seniority as of 1924 and 1925, while he was employed in 1923.

You might let me know if you feel that there is anything that we can do for him under the present set up.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

Vine Grove, Ky.
July 23, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith

Dear Brother:

In answer to your letter this is my trouble. I am the fourth oldest porter and they are running the others over me and I am asking you to give me my right seniority so I can get my run back. The Train Master said the Chairman of the Brotherhood Union had me pulled out so they would have to put me back so I have found out these boys in Louisville belong to some lodge Mr. Randolph is head of it. I am sure you know the Chairman and would like for you to write the Train Master for I am older than these boys and I am entitled to work ahead of them so if you cannot help any way there is no need of being Brotherhood for I do understand as you stated in your letter there be a change someday. Here on slip how porters stand.

Fraternally yours,
/s/ Eddie Brown
Vine Grove, Ky.

COPY

Office of Train Master,
Louisville Kentucky
July 9, 1941

Copy-Elmore English,

J. V. Thomas
James Goodall
J.L. Cox
F. T. Mitchell
Eddie Brown
Emil Carr
G. M. Gasslin

W. E. Davis
Train Master, 7th St. Station
Louisville, Ky.

Smith

July [illegible], 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway - Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

It seems that this Porter Eddie Brown wants a letter written to his Train Master about his case. I think we might do this since it may help to encourage some of the other porters of that group to join.

I, therefore, would suggest that you study his case and write such a letter as you may deem advisable.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR/[illegible]

Smith

July [illegible], 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway - Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter concerning a trip by Brother McLaurin, yourself and myself over your zone. Upon reflection, I think your conclusions are correct.

I would like for yourself and myself to make a trip to Canada as soon as possible. Would you be able to make a trip to Canada the latter [illegible] of August? Then we could make a trip over your zone the latter part of September or October.

Yes, it was a great victory to get Web on the President's Committee. I am sure that effective work will be done for the Negroes.

Everything moves gratifyingly forward. I will take up the matter with Brother Totten about the deficit in your zone.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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August 1, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your letter in connection with our proposed visit to Canada. Barring the unforseen I will be able to make the trip with you to those parts the latter part of this month.

Brother Crowley was in the office this morning and informed me that quite a number of the younger men in the capacity of porters on the CPR were eager for an organization and wanted to devise some means or plans by which they could meet with the Brotherhood men and try and get a sufficient number into the organization by the time of our arrival. I have outlined to him a plan by which, if they will make the contact it will be an easy matter to get those men to sign up. In addition thereto I have mailed a letter to the key men in Canada in the Brotherhood to furnish me with the number of porter employes in the service of the CPR. I am also truing to get the addresses of the various men in order that we may be able to notify them about the proposed visit and determine just how eager they are to come into the organization by signing an application blank and laying it on the line, or atleast a portion thereof.

I will keep you informed of what develops.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

Kindly remember us to Mrs. Randolph, with kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

August 8, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Just a word to say that I would write the train master of Louisville, Kentucky concerning train porter, Eddie Brown, and urge him to give recognition to his seniority rights.

It won't do any harm, and it might do some good.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/af

August 5, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1800 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 1, concerning our trip to Canada to organize the Canadian Pacific sleeping car porters. I am glad that you have mapped out a plan for the Brothers there.

I hope we may be able to visit Canada sometime the latter part of this month. I am glad to know that the men are eager to join the Brotherhood now.

Kindly remember me to the Madam. Hope you continue to improve.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 13, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that we have mailed letters to our group in Canada informing them of a possible visit to those parts the latter part of this month and urged upon them to endeavor to increase their membership both numerically and financially as evidence of appreciation of your wonderful guidance.

We have also mailed letters to some of the CPR men as outlined to you in a previous letter.

I am wondering if you recall the name and address of that Company Union Representative of the CPR at Montreal who laid around us like Grant laid around Richmond during our sojourn in Montreal. I would like to write him also. He has never that I recall made any payment toward the organization, although he appeared to be so interested during our stay.

Attached hereto is a copy of letter that I have received from the Train Master of Louisville in connection with the Eddie Brown affair which is self explanatory.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph, with kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL SYSTEM

Louisville, Ky., August 9, 1941

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
Detroit, Mich.

Your letter of August 7th relative to the seniority of porter Eddie Brown:

Porter Eddie Brown's seniority gave him rights as an extra porter on August 1, 1939, which provided that his seniority rights could be exercised only to displace a junior extra porter or as provided in Rules 15-b and 15-c and 16.

/s/ W. E. Davis
Train Master.

COPY

Smith

August 19, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August 15th, with copy of letter from train master of the Illinois Central System concerning Porter Eddie Brown's seniority rights.

It seems that Porter Brown's complaint may not be able to stand up.

I note your suggestions about our forthcoming trip to Canada. I don't remember the name of the Company Union man who hung around us, however, I remember him quite well. I will let you know when we will be able to arrange the dates for the trip so that we might write all of the men of our group and also the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Canadian National Railroad.

Wasn't it wonderful that the Brotherhood was able to put Web on the Government's Fair Employment Practice Committee. It is a demonstration of the power of the Brotherhood.

I am glad that you are feeling better. Web told me that you and he had a good time on one of those Cincinnati desertion cases with the Pullman representatives. Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 25, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to ask if you and the Madam are enjoying nature's best gifts, and to say that Web and I had a very enjoyable time Saturday night when Web addressed the American Federation of Teachers Convention at a Banquet held in the new home of the Labor Temple here in Detroit. It was my impression from the general facial expressions and from comments of those who sat near me that Web's talk was well received and I believe that many will agree that it was the best talk of the evening. There is no question but the Brotherhood is a factor in the shaping of the social, political and economic life of America.

Under this cover you will find a copy of letter of which I have had several similiar letters recently in reply to letters sent out to the CPR men in Canada. Many of which have only paid toward membership. The letter is self explanatory, and perhaps when we have determined the date that we are able to make this trip we might make further plans prior thereto for further contact among this group of workers.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

COPY

24 Maple St.
Aug. 22, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.

Dear and Brother:

Just a few lines to let you know what I am doing to make things get on the way I have told ever porter in my district that I saw about the coming of Brother Randolph, the International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Union and they seem to be very pleased and ready to meet him and I do think that this in the time to come for they are all working and want to get in some Union and so I would like to see him come as soon as he could get here.

I am taking it on my own to tell every one I go look for them. I have located a place for him to make his talk and meet the porters and here is an address that you can give him to call on that if I am not in town when he gets here, Rev. B. O. Johnson, Sta. 17-123, Southerland Ave. and he will help him in any way possible and if you know another date that he will reach here please let me know at once I will appreciate it very much and it will help me to look meeting him.

I am not only telling the porters in my district, I am tell them all the way to the Pacific Coast for I run from Winnipeg to Vancouver, B.C. So I will keep the good work going.

So I will close, hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours truly,

R. Jimerson
24 Maple St.
Winnipeh, Man.
Canada

Toronto
August 21, 1941

Dear Bro. Smith :

Your letters sent to wrong address have been delivered and may I inform you as to correct address of Jas. D. Walker 356 Albany St., St. James, Man.

We are elated over you and Bro. Randolph's plans to visit our District. Let us know the date.

On or about August 8th, Bro. John R. Houze staged anpther drunk "Blitzkreig" and was pulled off in the station, as yet he has not given the B. of S.C.P. any information about it, so his case is pending in N. Y.

Fraternally yours,

B. O. Fleming.

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Smith

August [illegible], 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway - Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of August [illegible], informing me of the splendid time you had at the banquet of the American Federation of Teachers' Convention. I knew Web would make a good talk and I am glad it was well received.

Now, you and I have to get together on our trip to Canada. I will work out an itinerary on this matter within the next few days. I find that it is better to go to Winnipeg by way of St. Paul. While Web and I are at the AFL Convention in Seattle, we shall go to Vancouver since that is a short run. You and I can go to Toronto and Montreal and I'll let you know the dates.

I note that Brother John E. Brown has pulled another blitzkreig drunk. That's unfortunate. It looks like he'll get fired yet.

Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR/[illegible]

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440 September 2, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your recent letter in connection with the Canadian situation and upon reflection I feel that in as much as you and Web, and perhaps Dellums, since it is in his Zone, will attend the American Federation Convention at Seattle, that you can drop over at Vancouver, B.C. since it is only an over night trip and in as much as Vancouver is an Agency for both the CPR and CNR it will be a tremendous saving from the standpoint of expense to visit that portion of Canada while you are so near. And as you say Winnipeg is much nearer from St. Paul than it is from Montreal, Toronto or New York, and if you plan to visit that section of the country with Web in covering his zone it would also be a great saving if you and Web could go from St. Paul to Winnipeg.

As for Montreal and Toronto, if time does not permit you accompanying me, and in as much as we have a nucleus at those two points I could make them alone.

If in your judgement the suggestions as outlines will be of an advantage from the standpoint of time and expense you might inform this Brother at Winnepeg, also the CPR man at Vancouver as to the time of your possible arrival and the duration of your stay. In the mean time we can discuss this matter further at the Executive Board Meeting just before you take your leave for the West Coast to attend the Convention.

From all available information everything over my zone is moving promisingly forward.

No doubt, Webb has informed you of the recent success in connection with those eleven porters charged with deserting their cars at Cincinnati. We had quite an experience here in Detroit as one of the Detroit members of the Brotherhood was involved. At the first hearing on August 5th they slipped up and we pulled a'tech' in connection with rule fifty, despite our protest they continued the case in an effort to comply, but they errored again because we insisted that the proceedings on this date should stand as part of the record which could not in any way help their case. Continuing on the 9th, Webb stopped by inroute to Washington and we had quite a free for all between Web and Dugan from the Industrial Relations Board. We took with us our stenographer, and she being far more efficient in that connection than Mary, the Pullman Company's stenographer, there was quite some difference in the record as taken by our stenographer andthat of the Management and I refused to sign the record unless they would agree to take the record as we had it. Davidson sent the matter to Chicago and later informed me that Lary said that if I did not want to sign the record as they had it,that it was alright any way, because they had decided to drop the case and pay our man and the others who were held out of service pending an investigation on the part of the Management, and they mailed me a decision to that effect, a copy of which I mailed to Pat. So, in considering the transcripts of the various hearings that we had in different sections of the country I consider it a great victory for the Brotherhood, and while I am unaware of the reactions of the other porters who were charged with this offense our man Roberts was elated and felt that the Brotherhood rendered him a great service, for which he says he will show his appreciation by his continued support and cooperation. Time only will determine the truthfulness or falsity of his statement.

How is Mrs. Randolph? Kindly remember us to her, and the Madam joins me in kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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September 5, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that all moves forward in general with the organization over my Zone. We have our quota of claims and grievances, but in most cases where I get the proper cooperation we generally clear the matter in its initial stage, but where we have some smart boys, who due to some unkonwn reason prefer to tread the wine-press alone and without the assistance of others until they reach the stage that they can do nothing and have tied the hands of the Brotherhood so that the Brotherhood can be of no benefit, then we are swamped with letters and telegrams to come immediately to the rescue with about four or five days notice. Ofcourse I could not get the money from New York on such short notice.

The last case I have in mind is Brother Jones of Pittsburgh, the man that I defended sometime ago, again got in trouble about June 6, charged with improper guarding of his car and many violations of the company's rules for which he made a statement that I knew nothing about. I am assuming that Henry wrote the statement from what I judge in the final analysis.

Again on July 1, 1941 he was found asleep on his car at some point in Indiana and failed to get out to open up for the reception of passengers. In both of these cases he was caught by a service Inspector. Again a statement was made, and copies of both I have just received from Henry, which are self-condemning, together with a notice of the hearing set for September 10, 1941.

Now, that the Committee in Pittsburgh has kept this matter a secret for from two to three months in each case and did not bring the matter to my attention, neither they nor Jones until they were hand-cuffed and muzzled by the Management. Now, he wires me to be there on September 10th to take care of the case.

I have repeatedly told these fellows whenever they write a statement to be sure and send me a copy, to say as little as possible and then furnish me with all the information, so that we may be able to supplement that statement if possible in the manner that will protect the accused. But these smart Committeemen in some cases think they can handle the thing so well until they will write up for these men a statement with a lot of misspelled words and the construction is of such a manner that it is self condemning and if Clarence Darrow was alive he would be unable to even attempt mitigation on a statement written by some of these smart Committeemen of ours in the defense of the accused. So I am of the opinion that in this particular case I am going to let them stew in their own juice, and learn for themselves just how little they know when it comes to handling these cases, and perhaps in the future I can get a little better cooperation.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

September 5, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am glad to receive your letter of September 2nd. I think it might be well for you and myself to go to Toronto and Montreal. While Web and myself are out in Seattle we shall go to Vancouver, and sometime later on we may be able to get to Winnipeg.

After I return from Seattle, Washington, we may make out an itinerary to this effect. It may be, however, that I may decide to have you go to Toronto and Montreal by yourself before I return from Seattle, if you are feeling well enough to make such a trip.

I will write you about this later.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/af

September 10, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of September 8th, with information about the case of a porter in Pittsburgh. You are right that some of these Brothers think they know everything that is necessary to be done, and it is hard to get them to do as you instruct them. However, a few hard knocks will teach them a lesson.

I hope the Brothers in Pittsburgh will realize that they must first advise you of the case before they proceed with it.

Kindly remember me to the Madam and the Brothers and Sisters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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September 11, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your letter informing me of the postponement of the meeting of the International Executive Board on account of the illness of Brother Totten. I am very sorry to learn of his illness, and it is my hope that he will be able to direct the affairs of his office from his hospital bed. I also hope that he will shortly be out, however I would appreciate the information as to his condition from time to time and if it will be necessary for you to appoint some one to act in his stead during the period of his illness or confinement to the hospital.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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September 16, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed itinerary of Webster and myself in the South. You may reach us at these points.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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440 September 16, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
585 Lindsay Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia
c/o Mr. Thomas W. Culpepper

Dear Brother Randolph:

I have this day received your itinerary, and this is to hope that yours and Brother Websters sojourn through the South Land will be most fruitful.

From all available information things generally over the Zone are moving forward.

There has been recently some news paper accounts of the C.I.O.'s attempt to invade the field of the Railroad workers in and around Detroit. They say, however, that it is to organize the unorganized group in this particular Industry. It is my opinion that no serious effort to carry out the plan has developed as yet and I believe it is mostly a face saving proposition after their unmerciful defeat in their attempt to invade the city transportation service of Detroit.

In addition to the invasion of the Railroad Industry the account also mentioned their attempt to line up the Teamsters Union in Detroit. I am sure that if any attempt of the hard belled Teamsters Union of the AFofL 's membership is raided by the C.I.O. there will certainly be plenty of blood shed and everything else imaginable. Ofcourse, I do not believe that the International Officers of the C.I.O. will long permit some of these local C.I.O. Officials to attempt to raid the established Unions because it is not going to do the Labor Movements any good when either the C.I.O. or the AFofL attempt to create trouble by attempting to raid the membership in either of the Unions. In fact the Chrysler local passed a resolution in opposition to the raiding of membership by either party and pointed out that the C.I.O. should confine its Union activities to its previous program, which is to organize the unorganized.

If anything develops worthy of consideration you will be informed. At present I do not feel that it warrants much thought other than to lend a little comfort to the enemies of organized labor by feeling that the two factions will start waring among themselves.

Wishing for you both a happy sojourn and a safe return, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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257½ Magazine St.,
Louisville, Ky.,
Sept. 21, 1940

Mr. A. P. Randolph
Pres. Brotherhood Sleeping
Car Porters
217 W. 125 St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

On Aug. 1, 1940 I paid J. B. Hughes, local representative of Brotherhood, $5.00 on account, with the understanding it would be all right to pay him the balance of $10 the next time I came in town.

I tried to contact him for eight weeks to give him the balance due. When I did see him he informed me that he did not know whether or not he could get me in the union as it had been so long. I told him if he could not to please refund my money that he had received. He told me he could not do that as the money had been sent to the union.

I don't want the money refunded as I want to get in the union. All I want is the my money back or pay the balance and receive my union card.

The reason for my delay in writing you is, I thought he would have given me some kind of information about the matter before now.

Please advise me what to do.

Yours respectfully,
Porter J. J. Church
Louisville, Ky.

September 24, 1941

Mr. W. J. Thomas, Secretary Treasurer
Pittsburgh Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1126 Wheeler Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Thomas:

It has been brought to my attention that the Division Seal has been broken and while you did not mention it in any of your past communication, I have instructed Brother George Moore to turn over to your Division a Seal in his posession that should have been sent to this office sometimes ago, and pick up the broken seal. You will kindly turn over your Seal to him when he presents you the Seal referred to.

For your further information it was due to a delay in your Division securing their first seal that was ordered for them and in order to expidite matters I ordered for your Division another Seal thinking, perhaps, the first order had been lost, it developed that both orders were received and two seals made and forwarded to your Division. I instructed Brother Moore, when learning of this to send in one of the Seals, evidently, it slipped his memory and I was not sure that he had not sent it in until I recently made inquiry. Hence these instructions.

Keep up the good work. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,
/s/ Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that from all available reports everything is moving steadily forward over the Zone, and to ask as to the present condition of Brother Totten.

It is my information that Cincinnati is opening up a local headquarters at 1115 Hopkins Street. I have instructed them as to how the place should be conducted and I feel that it will be an incentive, perhaps, to the delinquent members and non-union porters in the District. I will keep a close watch on it and see just what develops. They have started off as a club, and I have ask them to not use the name club, but as the Headquarters for the Cincinnati Division at which place the business of that Division will be conducted. No doubt, it will not be all that I hope for, but anything to increase the membership in Cincinnati, and so long as it does not reflect upon the organization I will play dumb, after all it is the membership we need.

You, no doubt have noticed where the hard boiled Pullman Company at last has signed a union-contract with the car-men in one of their shops in Indiana. It took three walk-outs on the part of the car-men before they were able to secure a contract. The Porters and Attendants should be proud of the Brotherhood, because they have never had to resort to strikes and walk-outs in order to secure better wages, working conditions and man-hood rights.

The Madam joins me in wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Randolph. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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September [illegible], [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway
Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

[illegible] and I had a splendid trip in the South. The Colored Locomotive Firemen are responding well, but it is a hard job to handle them.

Mrs. Roosevelt has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of the Citizens Committee to Save the Jobs of Colored Locomotive Firemen; Mayor LaGuardia has agreed to serve as chairman of this committee, therefore the outlook is splendid.

I will leave for a meeting in Chicago, on September [illegible] and then will go on to Seattle Washington to address the AF of L convention.

Kindly remember me to the [illegible].

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 1, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that you are feeling fine, and to say that attached hereto you will find the names and addresses of the porters in the Vancouver Agency of the CPR. It might be well that you drop them a letter informing them of the possibility of you and Brother Webster visiting Vancouver at the close of the AFofL Convention.

I might say, Chief, that it will be a nice trip. It is only about six or seven hours from Seattle on the boat and in as much as you have never made that boat trip it would be a treat for you and Webb also, to take that trip on the Pacific Ocean, and you will find, unless there has been some considerable changes, not only will it be cheaper but a luxury for Web since he has never made that trip. They used to have some very fine boats, with unusually good accommodations plying between those two points.

Kindly inform me of your address at Seattke just in case I would want to get in touch with you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF VANCOUVER MEN

| Name | Address |
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| B. Ramsey | 769 E. Hasting St. |
| John Payton | 289 Manitoba Ave. |
| W. Crawford | 827 Georgia St. E. |
| K. P. Winn | 840 Gore Avenue |
| A. Ford | 1530 Franklin St. |
| A. J. Keeling | 291 E. Groegia St. |
| R. L. Collins | 1530 Franklin St. |
| H. E. Hamilton | 1032 Hasting St. |
| William Jones | 1032 Hasting St. |
| C. G. Pankey | 1025 W. Pender St. |
| William L. Bell | 278 Dufer St. |
| F. G. Collins | 1530 Franklin St. |
| J. W. Gipson | 235 Main St. |
| J. M. Sledd | 128 Southerland Ave. |
| S. H. Sneed | 709 Dunlevy Ave. |

October 2nd, 1942

Mr. J. J. Church
[illegible] Magazine Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are in the zone of Brother Bennie Smith, therefore I am referring your letter to him.

He will advise you on the matter.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR/ad

October 2nd, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Room 202
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Find enclosed letters which are self-explanatory. Hope you are feeling well. Remember me to the Union.

Now Bennie, you might plan to make a trip to Toronto for 3 days and to Montreal for 3 days, beginning October 8th, if it is convenient; if not, you may arrange for a later date, but since I will be away for 45 days or more, I think it advisable for you to make the trip before it gets too cold.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 4, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith, Secretary-Treasurer
Detroit Division, B. S. C. P.
Room 305 - Tobin Building
1308 Broadway at Gratiot Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 1st, with list of names of porters in Vancouver. I think Web and I will go to Vancouver and take advantage of the delightful boat ride you describe. Web says that Vancouver is a rotten place, there is a lot of race prejudice there.

Now, Bennie, perhaps if you want to wait until I return sometime in November you and I might make the trip to Toronto and Montreal. Write me what you think about this.

Send mail to the Coast Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

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October 7, 1941

Mr. W. J. Thomas, Secretary Treasurer
Pittsburgh Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1126 Wheeler Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Thomas:

It is again that we acknowledge receipt of your report with check for zone allocation enclosed, which when cancelled will serve as receipt for same. Keep up the good work.

In connection with the broken seal, Brother Henry as well as yourself has the necessary instructions and he will turn over the seal to Brother Moore in acceptance for the seal in Brother Moore's possession, and Brother Moore will send me the broken seal as per previous instructions.

For your further information in connectionwith two seals being in possession of Brother George Moore of your Division, was due to my error in ordering the second seal, because of your Division's delay in receiving the first seal that I had ordered. I instructed Brother Moore to send me one of the seals, or rather the extra seal by some one who was running in here, or that I would at some time while in Pittsburgh pick up the seal. On each of my visits to Pittsburgh it slipped my memory, although I was at Brother Moore's home on each visit, and because of my forgetfulness, I gave Brother Moore the same credit to also forget to send it over by some one operating in here. This explanation has been given to Brother Henry and if this will serve to enlighten you as to why Brother Moore had two seals in his possession or his failure to turn over to the Division then there will be no further explanation necessary.

Mr. Moore's instructions were to turn over to the Division the seal in his possession and pick up the broken seal, or to send to me the seal that he holds by someone operating in here as is elsewhere mentioned in this letter.

In connection with Brother G. A. Guster, according to our record he is credited as having paid paid October dues, 1937. According to your notation he reinstated in New York in September, 1940 and was exemptfrom paying dues for January, February, March, April and May, 1940 account illness. We will credit him as thirty five months dispenaation and exempt account illness in view of what is contained in your letter.

Permit me to call to your attention the crediting of Brothers H. P. Tardy, B. F. Washington on this report. Brother H. P. Tardy is credited as paying October dues, but according to our record he should be credited as paying September dues. Brother B. F. Washington is credited as paying August, when according to our record he should be credited as paying July dues, Please check your record to determine if we are correct, if so you may make the necessary corrections on your record, if to the contrary please advise us.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,
/s/ Bennie Smith
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October 11, 1941

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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Coast Hotel
Seattle, Washington

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to thank you for your letters in connection with the Louisville matter and my trip to Canada.

For your information the Doctor has advised that I begin taking cold shots immediately in order to build up my system for the prevention of colds this winter. He informed me that in as much as I am susceptible to colds it would be advisable that I start in time and try to prevent them as much as possible and save more serious illness later on, and in that case it would be the latter part of November before I will complete the treatment, which will necessitate my sticking in and around Detroit, or being able to get back atleast once a week.

In the mean time, I will keep in touch with the group in Canada and the interest will remain high expecting our visit sometimes in the future.

Things in general are moving forward over the zone with the Brotherhood and I will keep you informed of all developments.

You have no doubt noticed through the press that the Labor Movement has split Washington wide open on a housing contract let in Detroit, ofcourse I think everything will be healed. No doubt, Brother Green is getting plenty of heat during this session of the Convention, but everything will come out alright, I am confident of that.

Trusting that you and Web are enjoying good health.

If possible, save me an AFof L Convention report.

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph October 11, 1941

The Madam ask to be remembered to both you and Webb. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

G. W. Moore
823 Anaheim /Street
Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 15, 1941

Mr. W. J. Thomas
Secfetary Treasurer Pittsburgh Div.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1126 Wheeler Street
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Brother Thomas:

This will acknowledge your letter under date of October 13, 1941. Thanks for telling me that the Division thought the seal we still in Pittsburgh. You mentioned in your letter that on the night of September 15, 1941, I was asked if I had a seal, and my reply to the question, I think so. That is true. Why I used the term I think, was due to the fact that I knew I had some instructions in connection with that seal but could not think at that moment just what they were. When I found the seal I found it was packed for mailing to Brother Smith, at that time it came to me that I was suppose to mail second seal to him, as he had told me through error he had ordered two seals.

For reason mentioned above I wrote Brother Smith and told him thatwe had broken our seal, and would use the one sent to us by him through error. Brother Smith wrote me back telling me that due to the fact I had failed to carry out my instructions in connection with the second seal sent to the Division through his error, he would grant the Division the privilege of exchanging the broken seal for the one in my possession, and for me to send him the broken seal as soon as I received it. Brother Smith told me he sent the Division these instructions. You brothers failed to come for the seal, after so long a time I felt that you had fixed the broken one so I sent the one that I had to Brother Smith. I didn't want procrastination to enter the picture again. I remain

Fraternally yours,
/s/ G. W. Moore

P. S. Please inform me as to what other property I have that belong to the Brotherhood.

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October 21, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your suggestion in connection with the Pittsburgh seal as contained in your communication under date of October 17th, and may I say that attached hereto are communications pertaining to same which are self explanatory.

Referring further to this matter it was my conviction that the seal was not broken and that conviction is further convinced by refusal to date of the Division sending me the broken seal as you will note in the communication here referred to.

It might interest you to know that it took me about three months to convince Henry and Thomas that their Division did not need two punches. In other words they want two of everything, and it is just another one of those cases that they simply want to ignore any instructions coming from me. It may take some time, but I think I will be able to convince then that it will be better for all concerned to cooperate and comply with instructions, provided, these instructions are in keeping with the policy of the organization. Ofcourse, you have dealt with the porter group long enough to know that most of the assertions that are lodged against an International Official are from a purely selfish standpoint and without any foundation in facts.

Permit me to suggest that on and after November 15th you arrange for my covering Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Cleveland. I feel that my health will permit it about that time and in addition thereto it is necessary that I go around and straighten these babies out atleast every three months. It will serve to create more harmony and understanding among the group as a whole.

I am sorry to note that you and Web have suffered colds during this trip, yet I am not surprised, because due to the changing climate and some of these jail hotel beds, one has to be almost super-human to be able to prevent same.

I followed with great interest the Brotherhood's activities in the AFofL Convention. The Detroit daily press carried daily accounts of the proceedings and mentioned the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters by name in connection with your activities. More power to you.

Everything else moves promisingly forward over the zone with the exception of the little matter referred to by a couple of the local disgruntled officials from Pittsburgh.

Cleveland has expressed a desire for my early visit to that Division and I also want to check upon Cincinnati as I understand that they are starting a new head quarters.

The Madam joins me in kindest personal regards to you and Web.

I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

Smith

October 27, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
2611-15 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of October 21st with enclosures re the Seal Question at Pittsburg. I can see just what you have had to deal with.

Now, I have thought that perhaps you and I might cover your Zone the early part of December if you think that this would be preferable to going alone we might do this. If now, why I shall plan to have Brother Totten send you transportation and maintenance to cover Pittsburg, Cincinnatti, and Cleveland November 15, if you decide on this. Kindly let me know by writing me at Los Angeles since I leave here October 28th for Los Angeles.

I hope you will keep up your treatment for colds so that you can escape colds this winter.

Kindly remember me to the Madam. The trip has been a great success.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 30, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1208½ E. 20th Street
Los Angeles, Cal.
c/o Mr. Oscar Soars.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter with respect to our trip the early part of December. I would much prefer waiting until you are ready to make the trip with me, because I think it would be of more value. So it will not be necessary to instruct Brother Totten to furnish transportation and maintenance for the trip until you are prepared to make the trip with me.

I received a letter this morning from the Citizens Committee to free Earl Browder over the signature of Tom Mooney. I am sure you know all about it. They are requesting that we send a resolution to the President in his, Browder's behalf. What do you think about it?

Here is hoping that your sojourn on the Coast will be a most pleasant and successful one and your return journey safe. In fact you had better take in as much of that Los Angles sunshine as time and conditions will permit, because the gray days of winter are much in evidence.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you, with kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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November 18, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Streets' Hotel, 18th & Paseo Streets
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that you are enjoying good health on your extended tour. I am sure you have found it very difficult to prevent catching colds due to the changing of beds and conditions of the weather that you are bound to encounter on this trip, however, I hope you have used every precaution and all is well with you.

From this you will learn that things generally over the zone are moving forward, ofcourse, there are a few rebels in some of the places, which is not worthy of mention and generally adjust themselves. One in particular is the same old situation with respect to the Auxiliary in Detroit. Sister Wilson has mailed out a general letter to the membership in the District. Just what the reaction will be it remains to be seen, but I am sure that she will not learn any more about the real cause of the apparent dissatisfaction than she knew at first. It is the same old case, and dates back to the Convention at New York. I believe I told you about the local President of the Auxiliary getting an appointment on a committee serving during the Convention wherein she got the wrong impression with respect to the finances and did not hesitate to quietly pass along that misinformation, and in addition thereto attempted to promote the affair in Detroit last Spring over my protest and the affair having ended just as I had predicted, a complete failure, and I feel that because she could not induce the Brotherhood, of which I bitterly oppossed, to underwrite this affair she intimated that, that was the cause of her resignation, unable to get along with the Brotherhood, although I did not know anything about her resignation until I learned of it through Sister Wilson, and which I think is a good thing, she should have extended it on her return from New York. However, their actions are not any cause for serious thought, because they will get over their imaginary griefs and false accusations in due time.

In connection with the Pittsburgh affair, evidently you must have written them a pretty stiff letter, because there has been a complete change with respect to the attitude of the local officials. In other words they are, apparently, bending over backwards now to cooperate, ofcourse, I will not be surprised if they do not burst into flames again over some thing. All of these things are to be expected and after all the less attention you pay to them the sooner they adjust themselves.

I was very sorry to note that sister Randolph was not feeling so well. It is our sincere hope that she is very much improved. In your next letter kindly remember the Madam and me, in fact, I shall have the Madam drop her a card.

Now, that apparently, my health is improving one arrangement should be kept with respect to my appearance in the various Districts under my supervision atleast twice a year. I believe it will keep down a lot of misinformation and temporary unrest.

I hope you found everything moving forward in my old home town and I am sure that Kansas City is moving forward.

Kindly remember me to all the Brothers and Sisters both at Kansas City and St. Louis.

Everything is moving forward. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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December 11, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to inform you that Mrs. F. M. Westbrooks, my clerk is highly appreciative of your consideration with respect to her salary increase, and I am sure that her appreciation will be reflected in her loyalty and devotion to her work in connection with the Brotherhood to the very best of her ability.

Now, a word in connection with some communication addressed to you over the signature of O. D. Herbert of Indianapolis, a copy of same has been sent to me, in which he refers to the Inter-State commerce Commission Laws in connection with passes. Ofcourse, he is just another one of our Porter Lawyers who has been in the service for seventeen years and has just seen fit to join the organization on April 1, 1941, and within the year of his initiation he is unfinancial, despite the fact that we have notified him each month of his arrears.

Had this communication been addressed to me I would have gladly informed him that the policies of the organization are discussed with financial members only, and if and when he becomes financial some consideration will be given his request.

We have recently, again, notified him of his arrears and will continue to do so.

Everything else moves forward over the zone, and the Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

December 18, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping C,r Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I would like for you to plan to hold some membership meetings in Detroit January 5, 6, and 7. I am speaking in Detroit on the 4th of January for the YMCA and will be glad to spend three other days with you.

Following our meeting in Detroit, we can make a trip over your zone, going to Cleveland for meetings the 8th, 9th, and 10th; Cincinnati the 11th, 12th, and 13th; Louisville the 14th, 15th, and 16th; and Pittsburgh the 17th, 18th, and 19th.

I want to suggest that you arrange these meetings for you, Brother Webster and myself. Also have the locals in every place to invite the women to one meeting of the men, and arrange to have a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary on one evening. I would suggest that you arrange to have the meetings for the porters each day at 1 o'clock.

I would also suggest that you advise all of the locals to arrange to have a public meeting on the first night that we begin our series of meetings. In Cleveland it will be the 8th, Cincinnati the 11th, Louisville the 14th, and Pittsburgh the 17th. Tell them that they should advertise the public meeting thoroughly with circulars and placards distributed throughout the city.

I would also suggest that you have each group to arrange any kind of a social affair that they want to-- such as a dinner or dance or both combined. If they want to make money out of it you could permit them to do so. If not, we could make it for the general membership and their friends.

If the locals cannot hold a social affair that is all right, I am merely suggesting it.

[illegible] arranged for the [illegible] Secretary can also be put on [illegible] preside at the meeting in the local [illegible] before the meeting by having [illegible] read or some of the [illegible] of the Brotherhood to appear and speak in person.

If you think this is too much program, [illegible] might cut it down to the mass meeting [illegible] every day and let the [illegible] do anything they wish. But if you think the locals need suggestions, then you may suggest the plans I am setting forth.

Kindly remember me to the Madam. It will be a pleasure to see you both again. Hope you are both well and enjoying the best of health.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 16, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

In acknowledging with thanks receipt of your letter in connection with a series of meetings to be held in Detroit and elsewhere over the Zone I have been debating with myself the question in connection with attempting to hold a public meeting in Detroit, but upon second thought I am wondering since you are speaking at the YMCA on Sunday preceeding the membership meetings if another public meeting in Detroit will be in order. However, I am awaiting some responds from the few letters I have sent out before I decide definitely.

I am writing the men over the Zone in compliance with your suggestion and I am sure that we will meet with great responds, and you will be advised from time to time as this matter develops.

This is your assurance that all that can be done will be done to make these meetings in each Division a success.

Both the Madam and I will be very glad to see you again.

Any further suggestions that you may have in connection with these meetings will be deeply appreciated by me.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph December 16, 1941

P. S. I have been giving some thought to a banquet instead of a public meeting.

B.S.
BS

December 16, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 11th.

I note your comment on the communication addressed to me over the signature of C. B. Herbert of Indianapolis. I think it is well taken. There is not very much you can do with lawyer-porters because they are thinking more about the law than they are about the Organization.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/af

Smith

December 17, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith,
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Tobin Building, 1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I forgot to suggest that it would not be necessary for you to plan a public meeting in Detroit since I am scheduled to speak there January 4th, for the Y.M.C.A.

Are you planning public meetings in the other Divisions?

Now that the war is on porters are making plenty of money moving troops all over the country. Web and I were in to see The Pullman Company about the wage increase Tuesday, and we had a long discussion on the class in which the porters are to be included. We contend that they belong in the non-operating group which will receive 10¢ increase. The Company contends that they belong in the operating group which will receive 9½¢ increase. We go back this Friday and we hope to get it all settled. I am returning to New York Friday afternoon.

Kindly remember me to the Madam and all the Brothers and Sisters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President, B.S.C.P.

APR:t

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December 17, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
2611 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th, relating to a Mass Meeting to be held in my church on Monday, January 5, received. You are welcome to the use of our building on the above date, and as soon as it is confirmed I will give it all the publicity possible, from my pulpit.

I am sure there are many individuals in this city who would like to hear Randolph again, and especially since our group is becoming so union conscious.

Awaiting further information concerning this Mass Meeting, I am

Yours,

/s/ Charles A. Hill
1660 West Grand Blvd.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

December 18, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your letter of December 17th and while I have not completed any plans for a public meeting at Detroit, since receiving your letter I will drop whatever plans I had anticipated. I quite agree with you that in as much as you are speaking at the 'Y' Sunday that will serve the purpose and we will confine our activities to the membership meetings of our group.

You are quite right with respect to the increased earnings of the porters, especially those who are operating extra, and to a great extent the regular assigned employes are making extra because many of them are being doubled out.

We have sent out letters all over the zone reminding them of this fact and urging them to show a much higher financial membership percentage by the time that you and Brother Webster visits their Divisions.

Thanks for the information in connection with your discussion with the Management on the recent wage increase. I am inclined to agree with the Management with respect to the classification. This group of employes have always been referred to by the Managment as among the operating group of the Pullman Company, and the Yard Forces and other employes of the Management are classified as non-operating. Ofcourse, I only mention this because of the controversal issue raised, that this is the classification or was long before we were free in connection with the Pullman Company.

I will write you again after you reach New York.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

Smith

Dear Sir and Brother:-

May we again remind you of the many benefits you are and have been receiving as a result of the work of the Organization and also to request your consideration with respect to your obligation as it is my considered opinion that no man wants to forever remain on the receiving end without making some contribution towards the continuity of the benefits he is now enjoying.

Get in touch with your local office immediately.

Fraternally yours,
BENNIE SMITH
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

December 22, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I just received a letter from the Milwaukee Railroad setting January 14th as the date for conference on the wage increase. In view of the fact that we are scheduled to be in Louisville at the same time, I am suggesting that we cancel the Louisville engagement since the men are expecting that the wage increase questions be settled at the earliest possible date. We can go into Louisville at some other time.

I wrote you, I think, that it will be unnecessary to hold a public meeting in Detroit since I am speaking in the YMCA while there.

I note you suggest that a banquet be given. This will be all right if you are well enough to work it out, but I wouldn't take on anything that is going to be too exacting upon you. A banquet is a hard job because there are so many details to it.

I will write you about the tax that we want to levy as soon as we settle with the Company on the question of the wage increase. We were in to see the Pullman Company Tuesday and Friday about a wage increase. We are having a controversy with them on the question of classification. The Company contends that we are in the operating group which will receive $.09[illegible] and [illegible] percent back pay. We contend that we are in the non-operating group and should receive $.10 and $.09 back pay. We are scheduled to return for a conference with the Company sometime next week. Will keep you informed of developments.

[illegible] the Brotherhood commending them [illegible] the uncooperating group, but advise them that the outlook is [illegible].

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 22, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to inform you that we have mailed out letters to the places where we are to have meetings, informing them of our visit and outlining the program as was contained in your letter.

Since hearing from you I have dropped all plans for holding a public meeting and we are looking forward to your visit.

The Madam has requested that you have dinner with us Sunday, in as much as she will have more time on Sunday than during the week days due to the fact that she has no one to help her in the Shop, so she insists that you have dinner with us Sunday if possible.

Enclosed is a copy of letter I received from Reverend Hill, but I have informed him that we have decided not to hold a Mass Meeting.

I will write you again as soon as I hear from the men over the zone in connection with our meetings.

Again wishing for you and Mrs. Randolph continued good health, and the Madam wishes to be remembered to you both. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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December 24,1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached hereto is some communication which is self explanatory in connection with a most distasteful occurence in the Toronto Division.

In view of the circumstances surrounding this matter I do not feel at this time that the Brotherhood should make any commitments with respect to underwriting the cost of the defense. We may, however, consider the local Division rendering some financial assistance in view of the fact that according to the reports they have one hundred thirty two ($132.87) dollars and eighty seven cents in the treasure as to date.

I will appreciate your observation on the matter.

Thanks very much for your very informative letter of December 22, 1941 and may I say that your instructions contained therein will be carried out including the cancelling of the Louisville trip.

Chief, you no doubt recall that this Attorney Pitt is the Negro Lawyer who spoke at our meeting in Toronto during our visit there. So that tells the story, smile.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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December 22, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith, Esq.,
2nd Vice President
1308 Broadway
305 Tobin Building
Detroit, Michigan
U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

RE: Porter Phillip Patterson

I have been consulted in connection with a charge of assualt laid against Patterson under our criminal code here which is section 292 A. I might say that it is the section dealing with indecent assualt on females and the penalty calls for a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment and to be whipped, and you can readily see it is a pretty serious matter.

This woman in question, I understand is some kind of a model and was with a traveling salesman and represented themselves as man and wife. From the investigation I have made the conclusions that I have come to is that apparently the man got angry due to the fact that Porter Patterson who was keeping a viligant watch over the movements, and in retaliation made this accusation. In any event Patterson's case comes up on the 6th of January, 1942, and I have been advised by one of the Porters here to send you a copy of Patterson's statement. As a matter of fact he really made two statements. He made a statement on December 15, and he was again called upon on December 19 to make another statement. I understand you have a copy of the first statement. I am sending you a copy of the second statement.

I think this matter can be handled by me here with safety. I would be glad if you would let me know what I should do in the matter. If you wish, however, to send a representative it will be agreeable with me.

Yours very truly,
/s/ B. J. Spencer Pitt
Solicitor for Patterson.

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P. S. I am sending you the statement on Dec. 19 as signed by Patterson. Will you kindly return it to me.

COPY

December 24, 1941

Mr. B. J. Spencer Pitt, Atty. at law
168 Dundas Street
Toronto, Canada

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication with enclosure, and in compliance with your request you will find under this cover the statement made in the Pullman Office by Brother P. B. Patterson in connection with this matter.

Referring further to this matter, it is the information of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters that you have been retained to defend Brother Patterson by his uncle Mr. J. C. Moton, to which the Brotherhood has no objections. I believe you can very ablely handle the matter.

I have discussed this matter with Brother Crowley, who in turn will contact the local officials of the Brotherhood at Toronto with a view of determining the degree of financial assistance, if any, in connection with this matter.

It is very unfortunate that Brother Patterson made the second statement ignoring the local representatives of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. However, I am referring this matter to the International Organization with a view of seriously considering same.

In appreciation of our past pleasant relationship, I remain

Very truly yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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Toronto Dec. 19, 1941

Statement of Porter P. B. Patterson of the Toronto Agency taken in the Pullman Office at Toronto December 19, 1941 by Inspector D. F. Dwyer.

Q. What is your name?

A. Phillip Bolin Patterson

Q. When did you enter the service of the Pullman Company as Porter?

A. January 5, 1937.

Q. Are you married or single?

A. Single.

Q. You left Toronto on car 45, line 1326 CN train 47 December 13 enroute to North Bay arriving there on December 14 7:10A.M. and lay over at that point until 9:00P.M. December 14 at which time you received passengers for car #51, line 1326 enroute from North Bay to Timmins arriving at Timmins on December 15 at 9:20 A.M. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. What time did the occupants of lowers 1-2 board you car at North Bay?

A. About 11:30 p.m.

Q. Were lowers 1-2 made down when they boarded the car?

A. No. There were not as there was nothing shown on the make down.

Q. Did they request you to make down the berths?

A. No.

Q. What conversation if any did you have with them when they boarded the car?

A. I did not have much of a conversation. I took their baggage and told them there berths were not ready yet, as I did not have the makedown, but that if they liked to they could sit in an end section of the car and I would make the berths down.

Q. Did they go to the other end of the car?

A. Yes, they said they would go and have a drink. I then said they could go and have a seat in the D. Room because they were smoking.

Q. Did you say anything to them about smoking; that it was not allowed.

A. No.

Q. How long after the passengers boarded the car did they ask you to get Coco Cola?

A. Right after they were seated in the D. Room. I made two trips. Got two on the first and one on the second.

Q. Where did you purchase the Coco Cola?

A. In the Chinese Resturant behind the station.

Q. Did you see these people drinking liqour?

A. Yes, I saw them pour something into glasses from whiskey bottles.

Q. Were they putting Coco Cola in with the Whiskey?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they offer you a drink at any time?

A. Yes.

Q. What did they offer?

A. They asked me if I would like to have a drink and I said "No Thanks."

Q. Did you take a drink of Coco Cola?

A. I did take a drink of the Coco Cola later.

Q. When the lady and man boarded the car at North Bay did they show any signs of having been drinking?

A. I did not notice or pay much attention to them when they boarded the car.

Q. What time did they retire?

A. About leaving time; I saw him sitting on the side of her berth and the curtains were closed and all I could see of him was his feet.

Q. About how long did he remain sitting in the ladies berth?

A. About twenty minutes or half an hour.

Q. Where were you during the time the man was sitting in the ladies berth?

A. I was going back and forth from the smoking room taking shoes to shine and returning them to their proper place.

Q. Did you see the lady go to the ladies room before she retired?

A. No sir.

Q. Did the man come into the smoking room at any time you were shining shoes?

A. No.

Q. In another statement you were asked this question. What do you know about the above complaint and your answer was. "The bell in this lady's berth rang about 2:30 A.M. I answered the bell. The lady said she wanted to go to the wash room. I ask her if she wanted some assistance. She said no and thought she could get along alright. I then went to the smoking room. How did you fix the time as 2:30 A.M.

A. Taking from the time I shined my shoes and we had not reached Temagami which we reached shortly after I guessed it was about 2:30 A.M.

Q. When you went to the ladies berth and answered the bell, was she covered up. Was any part of her exposed?

A. The curtains were open and she had a hold of a curtain and looked as if she was going to sit up. I don't know whether or not her body was covered, but I did not look into the berth and the berth was in darkness.

Q. What did you say when you went to the berth?

A. I said "Did you ring for the porter, madam?" Do you want something? She said more or less mumlbed and the best I could tell, she said "Where is the wash room? I want to go to the wash room." I said do you want some assistance. "Can I help you." She said "No, I think I will be alright."

Q. Did she say she was sick?
A. No.

Q. Did she get up immediately and go to the washroom?
A. No sir, Not that I saw.

Q. In another statement you made you were asked the following question. "What happend then." About 5 or 10 minutes after that, you stated you came around to the linen locker and saw this fellow that occupied lower 1 go down to the end of the car with the girl. Was the man assisting her in any way.
A. He didn't seem to be.

Q. Who was walking first?
A. She was.

Q. How was she dressed at that time.
A. With a bathrobe on.

Q. How was the man dressed?
A. In his pajamas.

Q. In another statement you were asked this question. "What happened then?" and you gave the following answer. "A few minutes later I went down to the other end of the car to see what was going on. I could not see any one in sight, si I rang the buzzer in the ladies room and pushed the door open. This man and the girl were standing there talking." Did you hear any of the conversation?
A. No sir. I pushed open the door and they were standing there, and I said to them not to stay too long. You are not supposed to be in here.

Q. Did either one of them make any reply?
A. No.

Q. Did he have his arm around her.
A. Not that I could see.

Q. Was the lady crying?
A. No.

Q. Did she seem excited?
A. Not that I could see.

Q. What happened after that?
A. I came on down the aisle to the linen locker and stood there to see how long they were going to be and a few minutes later I saw them come around the corner, so I returned to the smoking room.

Q. When did you next see them.
A. He was sitting on the side of her berth.

Q. How long after they came out of the room was that?
A. About 15 minutes, by that I mean it seemed about 15 minutes or so that he was sitting there. I was in and out of the smoking room a few times.

Q. During the times you passed the berth going to and from the smoking room and while the man was sitting on the ladies berth, did he say anything to you
A. No sir.

Q. When was the first time you had any conversation with the man after theyreturned from the ladies room to the ladies berth?
A. When he came in the smoking room.

Q. What did he say.
A. He said "What was I doing in his wife's berth and I said what are you talking about?

Q. What did he say then?
A. He said you know what I am taking about. My wife says you were in her berth. I said I certainly was not.

Q. What did he do then?
A. He went and got the lady and brought her into the smoking room and said to her, wasn't he in your berth, pointing to me and she said yes.

Q. What did you say?
A. I said you know I wasn't in your berth and before I knew it he hit me.

Q. What did you say after he hit you?
A. I did not say anything. I was just stunned and doumbfounded at the accusation and being struck.

Q. What did he say if anything after he struck you?
A. A few minutes after they both went out of the smoking room and shortly after he came back along. he said "I am going to sue the Pullman Company and the CNR for all they have got. It seemed like I just couldn't move.

Q. How soon after he struck you did he go to his own berth and retire.
A. I really could not say beaause after being struck and as I said above I was so stunned and wondering what those people were trying to do to me that I sat in the smoking room for several minutes before going back into the body of the car and when I did he was sitting on the side of her berth. I started to go and get the Train Conductor and just as I got to the door the Train Conductor was coming into my car and I told him he had better go see lower 2. There seems to be something wrong, and the Train Conductor went to the berth and the man came to the smoking room with the Train Conductor and the man told the Train Conductor "This Porter was in bed with my wife. I am not sure if he said his wife. The man said just a minute, and he went to get her. She didn't say very much that I can recall. She did say 'Yes, he was in my berth or something to that effect.

Q. What did the Train Conductor say to you in the presence of the lady and man, if anything?
A. He said is that right, and I said "No."

Q. When did you notify the Pullman Conductor about this?
A. I didn't. Not until we got into Timmins.

Q. Why didn't you notify the Pullman Conductor as soon as this happened?
A. Because he was in bed and as I was so stunned and everything. I knew I should have, but I couldn't imagine any people doing what they were trying to do.
Q. When was the first time theat you spoke to the Pullman Conductor about the incident?
A. After I made the statement to the policeman. This would be about 10:00 A.M.

Q. You arrived at Timmins at 9:20 A.M. and you had no conversation with the Pullman Conductor about the incident until about 10:00 A.M. when the T&NO policeman came into the car. Is that correct?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Why didn't you report the matter to the Pullman Conductor, when he arose that morning?
A. I don't know why I didn't. I figured the train Conductor knowing about this, must have told the Pullman Conductor.

Q. Did the Pullman Conductor have any conversation with you about it?
A. He talked to me with the T&NO Policeman and they both wrote a statement question Question and Answer form, which I signed. That statement was written on Western Union Telegraph Blanks by the Conductor and as I said above I signed it in the presence of the Policeman and the Conductor.

Q. On Monday, December 15 did you drink any intoxicating beverages?
A. No Sir.

Q. When the man offered you a drink on the car did you accept it?
A. No. I did not drink any intoxicating drinks, but I did take a drink of Coco Cola which he offered me.

Q. At what time were you arrested?
A. About 2:00 P.M. I was taken to the Police Station.

Q. Do you know what charge was made against you?
A. Assault.

Q. Were you arraigned before a Judge.
A. No. I was taken to the Police Station and put in a cell. About an hour or so later Policeman came to my cell and told me there was a lawyer and would I like to see him. I said I certainly would, I was taken out of the Cell and I talked with the Lawyer who told me that his name was Liberman. He stated he would represent me for $75.00 and I said I didn't know who I am going to have to represent me but I would like to have him get in touch with my uncle at Noranda. Bail was fixed at $300.00 and the following day I was arraigned before a Magistrate and at the request of Mr. Lieberman the case was postponed. Later bail was furnished by my uncle and I was released for a hearing on January 6.

Q. How many passengers did you have on that trip?
A. Nine. 7 lowers and 2 uppers.

Q. Were any of the other passengers up at the time this incident occurred?
A. No.

I have read the above statement and same is a true statement and was made by me of my own free will without any threats or promises being made.

/s/ D.F. Dwyer WITNESS

/s/ W. O. Derrik WITNESS

P. B. Patterson
Porter Toronto

Smith

December 26, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Because Brother Webster will be required to be at the Hearings of the Fair Employment Practice Committee, January 18 and 19, I have decided to change the dates for Pittsburgh from the 17th-18th and 19th to the 21st-22nd-23rd and 24th. Will you kindly write the Pittsburgh Local officials accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:fw

942 Churchill Street
Cincinnati, Ohio
Dec. 27, 1941

Dear Sir:

Your letter received stating Brother Randolph and Brother Webster and yourself will be in Cincinnati Jan. 11, 12 and 13 was received.

I have engaged the Union Baptist Church for a public meeting on January 11th at 4:00 P.M. I was impossible to get a meeting place latter as your request was for a night meeting. I hope the time will be agreeable, and I am satisfied that you can arrange the time with the Chief.

I am sending out invitations to the Principals of schools and their staffs, various Ladies' organizations, fraternal and political organizations.

I will also have a number of posters to advertise in business places and too invitations to all of the churches.

Brother Shannon is arranging for a banquet. I am sure he will be able to look after that end.

We desire to get this information to the public immediately. If there is a subject that the Chief desires to talk on we will give publicly on the radio and the news papers. We intend to give the Chief thirty to forty five minutes talk. You may give your expressions on that.

If the date of 4:00 P. M. is satsfactory we will go on with our program. We also expect to have a solo or two by well known singers.

Respectfully,
/s/ Pres. A. T. Hubbard, Cincinnati.

P. S. I will be in Cleveland January 9th at 5:38 P.M. if you wish to see me at this point I am open for an appointment.
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# RELEASE

According to Bennie Smith, Second International Vice President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters a series of membership meetings for the Detroit Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Ladies' Auxiliary will be held starting Monday, January 5th through the 7th, at which A. Phillip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and National Director of the March on Washington Committee, and Milton P. Webster, First International Vice President and Member of the President's Fair Employment Committee will be the principal speakers.

Smith

December [illegible], 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1808 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Just a line to say that I shall be glad to have dinner with you and the [illegible] on Sunday.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 29, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that attached hereto is a copy of letter received from Brother Hubbard of Cincinnati in connection with our meetings there, and same is self explanatory.

This is to ask if you feel that the place and time for the public meeting and his suggesting invitations to the various groups is okay.

I plan to give him an outline for a poster giving your subject as 'The Negro and the War.' Will that be okey? Any other suggestion that you may have after reading his letter will be appreciated.

In connection with the meetings at Pittsburgh, I have recently mailed them a letter requesting the change of the meeting dates as suggested by you, and as soon as I hear from them I will let you know.

Now, I have arranged for the Detroit Meetings to be held at the Lucy Thurman Branch YWCA for Monday and Tuesday, January 5th and 6th, and have informed the Ladies' Auxiliary that they are privileged to attend these meetings and a special meeting on Wednesday January 7th for the Ladies Auxiliary. All meetings starting at 1:00 P. M.

In addition thereto attached is a copy of the release to the press that has already been published.

You have not forgotten that you are to have dinner with the Madam on Sunday and on Monday Morning you, Web and I are invited to Mrs. Barnes for breakfast. She was formerly Mrs. A. J. Williams of Cleveland, who no doubt, you have forgotten, although you will remember her when you see her.

I will appreciate you informing me as to the time of your arrival at Detroit so I can arrange to meet you.

Any other suggestions or arrangements that you desire me to make, kindly inform me at your earliest convenience.

Expecting to hear from you. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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P. S. We mailed a card to your home address and I notice it has returned, so I am forwarding it to the office.

December 30, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is inquiring as to the whereabouts of one James Little who they say lived in Detroit in 1932, and is supposed to have lived at 8530 San Antonio, Detroit, Michigan in [illegible]

Will you let me know so that I may so inform the Insurance Company. He has a paid up policy.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/mf

Smith

December 31, 1941

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks for the letter and memorandum on Porter Phillip Patterson. He has gotten into quite some difficulty. I think your letter to Lawyer Pitt is alright.

I would advise the local there to deal with Brother Patterson directly so that the Brotherhood would not be obligated to Lawyer Pitt.

Kindly secure two rooms for Brother Webster and myself. I will leave for Detroit Saturday night and will wire you on what train it will be.

I received your letter with enclosure from Brother Hubbard of Cincinnati. I note that Brother Hubbard plans to hold meeting Sunday at 4:00 p.m., January 11. I would advise that you change the time of the meeting to 3:00 p.m., 4 o'clock is a little too late. Have him put down as my subject, "The Negro, War and the Future", and have him also put Brother Webster on the program to speak on, "The President's Executive Order, Fair Employment Practice Committee, and Negro Employment.

Your release is fine.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL

December 31, 1941

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to inform you that the time for the scheduled meeting at the YMCA, Sunday, January 4th will be at 4:00 P. M. sharp. I talked with the Chairman of the Arrangement Committee yesterday afternoon and he is expecting you and I guess it will fall my lot to introduce you at this meeting. So, I will appreciate the information as to the time of your departure from Chicago, so that I may arrange, if necessary, to meet you and Web.

Now, a word in connection with the Cleveland affair. I have just received a letter from Brother Wells in reply to my communication to him under date of December 17th in connection with this meeting, and he informs me that he is going ahead with the program, although he has discovered that on January 8th there are two public meetings in the city of Cleveland that in his judgement may detract from our meeting so he has engaged the Mt. Zion Baptist Church on E. 103rd St. and Cedar Avenue for our public meeting at 8:00 P.M. on January 9th. In his publication he is mentioning you and Brother Webster as the principal speakers. I have forwarded to him some suggestions for his placards. He also informed me that Mr. John F. Morning, Chairman of the Noon-day Luncheon Club of the Negro Business Alliance has requested you and Brother Webster to be guest speakers at an affair at the Phyllis Wheatley, and in the absence of hearing from you they were at a loss to know whether you would accept. I have informed him that the both of you would, in as much as we will be at the Phyllis Wheatley.

Brother Groom's wife phoned me in the interest of the Booker T. Washington Trade Association here at Detroit, requesting your service to speak at a noon-day luncheon to be held at the Lucy Thurman Branch YWCA, Wednesday noon, January 7th. Now, while I have not yet given her any definite reply I did promise that I would get in touch with you and see what I could do to assist her in securing your service. Chief, while you know and understand what the crowd of this Booker T. Washington Trade Association is, and of which the Madam is a member, I do not believe it would do any harm for you to be guest speaker on this particular date for a short talk. I have attended one or two of the meetings, once in particular, as a guest of the Tobin Management, and it will not do any great harm, and could serve to break down some of the suspicion that exist between the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and some of the other group.

The Ladies' Auxiliary meeting is planned for the same day in the same building, although in a different room starting at 1:00 o'clock, but Brother Webster and I can take care of our meeting atleast until you join us. In fact I think you will be through by one o'clock if you do not extend your speech too long. I will appreciate knowing if you will give them a short talk.

I forgot to mention that the Sanitary Workers, AFofL, has been after me for more than a week to try and induce you to remain in Detroit until the night of the 8th for the installation of Officers in their new Labor Temple. I think they will arrange to have quite an affair and in as much as we will not be able to get started in Cleveland until the 9th, other than one membership meeting, you might give some thought to that and let me know immediately if it will be possible for you to remain over.

Everything else moves forward.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

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January 5, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please find enclosed copies of letters which were sent to the delinquent porters in the New York Zone.

Mr. Randolph suggested that I send you a copy of each letter so that you might send them to the delinquent porters in your zone.

Sincerely yours,

Ernesta G. Forster

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January 14, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

In view of the attached telegram I have requested Brother Henry to cancel the Mass Meeting. I have other information that the original plans are to have some outsider on the program any way.

I will write you of developments just as soon as I hear from him.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
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January 15, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
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4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to ask if you have completed the draft of the tax-collection-letter. I would like to get it in the mail as soon as possible to the entire membership throughout the zone.

In view of the fact that they did not draw their back pay checks today the letter, no doubt, will be an incentive to make them come across when they do receive them and it will afford us more time in getting out these letters.

I owe you twenty two cents on the telegram sent at Cincinnati, I will pay you when I see you if I think about it.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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January 16, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Gratiot Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Received your telegram and letter of January 14th, relative to public meeting in Pittsburgh. You did write to cancel it.

I am enclosing herewith letter for you to send out to your general membership of the zone.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

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Enclosure

LETTER TO MEMBERS
Detroit, Pittsburgh Zone

Dear Sir and Brother:

This letter officially informs you of the flat wage increase of $24.00 a month or ten cents an hour for porters, attendants, bus boys and maids, and back pay of $21.60 or nine cents for September, October and November, and $24.00 additional for the month of December, or a total of $88.80. It also informs you of the tax of $12.00 levied by International President, A. Philip Randolph which is to be paid out of the BACK PAY.

This is the biggest increase in pay porters, attendants, bus boys and maids have ever received in their history. Remember, dear member, you would not have gotten this wage increase any way. The Government didn't give it to you. The Brotherhood negotiated this wage increase or the porters would not have gotten it.

Now, no porter, attendant, bus boy or maid expected this big increase. No porter, bus boy, attendant or maid expected back pay. Every porter, attendant, bus boy and maid and their families are obligated to the Brotherhood for these wonderful benefits.

I am, therefore, calling upon you to pay the Brotherhood Defense and Convention Tax of Twelve Dollars ($12.00) out of your BACK PAY. If the tax is not paid the porter, attendant, bus boy or maid becomes unfinancial and is without the protection of the Organization. I am sure you realize it is most unfortunate for a porter, attendant, bus boy or maid to get into trouble while unfinancial, and no one can tell where trouble is.

You are required to pay this tax to build a strong defense fund to protect the interests and rights of the porters, attendants, bus boys and maids when the war ends and the buble of business prosperity bursts as it is certain to do.

Be wise, sensible and appreciative of the Brotherhood's value to you and your family and pay your tax to-day; don't delay. No porter should fail to pay this tax because the Brotherhood has provided the wage increase and back pay out of which the tax can be paid. Stand by the Brotherhood which has stood by you. I am confident you will not fail the Brotherhood.

Remember the slogan: "A WINNER NEVER QUITS AND A QUITTER NEVER WINS." It is better, dear Brother, to have the Brotherhood 25 years and not need it than to need it 25 minutes and not have it. The Brotherhood is making it possible for you and your family to have a happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith, 2nd Int'l. Vice-Pres.
& Supervisor Detroit-Pittsburgh Zone

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January 19, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that in the absence of hearing from Brother Henry at Pittsburgh as to the acommodations secured for us I have requested Brother Moore to secure three rooms at the 'Y' pending the outcome. In the mean time I may hear from him as to the acommodations, if so I will wire you. Otherwise I think we had better plan to go to the 'Y' until we can determine the arrangements made.

I have just received a letter from Sister Hughes of Louisville in which she has arranged for our visit there, and if Webb is going with us I had better arrange for acommodations for him at Louisville also, if not, I think two of us can stay with Sister Jones, in as much as there are no hotel acommodations for Negroes in Louisville, so of necessity we will have to stay in some one's home and Sister Jones keeps plenty of heat, and we can also get our meals there.

I am quoting a paragraph of Mrs. Hughes letter with respect to these arrangements, "Our arrangements so far are, first night Mass Meeting; second night Smoker and third night closed banquet," ofcourse, that Louisville group is so cowardly, perhaps it will be better to have the meetings at night since it seems that is the best arrangements she could make.

She also informs me that Sister Wilson has ask them to arrange for her visiting Louisville while we are there so you might handle this matter as best you see fit, and I will explain to Sister Hughes.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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P. S. Since completing this letter I have had a long distance call from Brother Henry of Pittsburgh in which he informed me that the Public Meeting has been cancelled, and the other meetings are set for one o'clock each day at the Veterans Hall and that acommodations for us have been made at the home of one of the Brothers at 621 Duff Street, and they will meet us. However, you can wire Brother Henry, and let me know by tomorrow not later than 4:00 P. M. as to the time of your arrival at Pittsburgh so that I may relay the message to him.

On the 21st we are to have dinner with Brother Easley, on the 22nd with Brother Haynes, on the 23rd with Brother Monroe and the 24th I guess it is 'root-little-pig-or-die-poor.

I am leaving tomorrow night at 11:55 P. M. and will arrive in Pittsburgh at 7:40 A.M. Wednesday morning.

B.S.

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January 20, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
6717 Hartford Street
Detroit, Michigan

Think your plan for us to stay at "Y" best. Leaving midnite tonite.

A. Philip Randolph

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Mr. M. H. Henry
7311 Upland Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Leaving tonite 11:59 for Pittsburgh. (s) A. Philip Randolph

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Miss Myrtle Facey
217 West 125th Street
New York City

"Leaving for Pittsburgh tonite; leaving Pittsburgh for Chicago January 24; remain in Chicago until February 1. Letter follows."

A. Philip Randolph

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January 26, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, Int'l President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I find I can leave Detroit Thursday night at 11:45 and arrive in Indiahapolis Friday morning at 7:00 A.M.,.

I am making reservations for us to stop at the YMCA, ofcourse if we can do better we will decide that after we arrive.

You can leave Chicago around 8:00 AM Friday morning and get in Indianapolis at 1:25 P.M. as it is much nearer from Chicago to Indianapolis than from Detroit to Indianapolis. So, if you decide to make the day-light trip I will hold up the meeting Friday until 1:30 or 2:00 P.M. and meet you at the station.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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*To* Bennie Smith January 29, 19 42

*Street Address* Room 305 - Tobin Building, 1308 Broadway

*City* Detroit, Michigan

Leaving for Indianapolis Friday morning 9:45. Arrive 2:27 PM

A. Philip Randolph

*Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference* *Sender's Telephone Number*

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February 20, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that you have completely recovered from the cold contracted during the visit over a portion of my Zone, and to say that we have had great responds from all the places visited with the exception of Louisville and I am not so sure but that we will receive far better reports from that Division in the future. Ofcourse, you know Mrs. Hughes is very slow in answering correspondence or getting off the reports, but I have written her since my return, but in the absence of hearing from her is no indication that she is not making some progress, because she had two new reinstatements during our visit and it is my opinion that she is holding them in order to send in a big report. I expect to hear from her within a few days, if not I will write her again.

Columbus and Indianapolis have shown a new spirit since our visit there and we have a larger number of men paying Tax in Indianapolis than we have ever had in the Organization before. In other words almost fifty percent of the men have paid their Tax and I am sure that through the next pay day we will have the percentage of the men in the Organization.

Enclosed is a clipping which is self explanatory.

This is to also inform you that I have mailed a letter to the Minister of Labor at Ottawa from which I expect to get a copy of the ammendment and all the information pertaining to this matter. The same will be forwarded to you immediately upon receipt of same.

I am also informed that the CPR men are clamoring for our presence in Canada and I hav e ask our group to get the names and addresses of all the CPR men in each District and Agency starting in Vancouver through to Montreal and forward them to me so that we mayb e able to contact them through mail informing them of our proposed visit in the near future. It is just possible that within the next few months that group will be right for organization.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter that I am sending out to the group in Detroit and elsewhere over the zone who have not yet responded with respect to joining and reinstating, and I am suggesting any improvement with respect to reconstruction of same, because we must in a very short while begin to put the squeeze on these babies in every District over the United States and Canada who do not respond.

I also want to mention my visit to Pittsburgh in connection with the Attendant Goss and Bus Boy Newsome case on February 10, 1941. I am glad that I went because regardless to the outcome the disgruntled bunch will have a different view toward the organization in view of the fact that the Brotherhood put up a fight in the defense of one of their pets.

In my opinion I believe I will be able to atleast save their jobs by injecting into the transcript of record the existing condition of the Attendants supplying their own cars and expecting them to take them across town on a crowded street car where they are subject to be short. I elaborated on the fact that the Company, although were seeking for contraband goods, were unable to find anything other than a partial slice of ham over, and in finding that they were unable to prove that it was put on there by the employes. It is just possible that I killed two birds with one stone, because I got the Superintendent, his Assistant and the District Commissary Agent, Mertz all telling a different tale which is encouched into the transcript. In other words one of the three is lying with respect to supplying of the cars and instructions given the men. After all I am only hoping to save the two jobs and while I requested that they be restored to service and be paid for all pay loss suffered by virtue of the assumption from which these charges grew out, although I am not so interested as to whether they get pay or not, if I can only save their jobs I will be willing, even to the extent of them loosing this two months seniority, and the good part about it the men envolved feel the same way. In other words all they want is a chance to work for the Pullman Company.

You will be kept informed as to developments.

I would have written you earlier but I have been so busy since my return, and I have not yet caught up. My clerk did a splendid job during my absence, but there yet remains some work to do due to the rush.

Everything else moves promisingly forward over the zone, and the

Madam asks to be remembered to you and to Mrs. Randolph when you write.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Dear Sir and Brother:

Supplementing our letter addressed to you a few days ago officially informing you of the revision of the basic wage Agreement and setting out the reason why every porter, attendant, maid and bus boy in the service of the Pullman Company should support the Agency that made the increase possible by joining or reinstating and remaining financial in the greatest organization that you have ever had the privilege to belong.

Now, this is to ask what if any consideration you have given the above mentioned matter and if for any reason you have not as yet given any thought to this matter this is to advise that you have thirty days to decide if you intend to remain indifferent or oppossed to a cause that has brought about the sunrise of better days for you and yours.

May the Brotherhood expect your support and cooperation?

Expecting to hear from you within the time mentioned above.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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February 27, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that attached hereto is the information received from Ottawa, Canada in connection with the matter I mentioned to you in a previous letter, which is self explanatory. According to this information the boys will be able to enjoy the benefits of the recent wage increase negotiated between the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Pullman Company. I will appreciate your obs ervation.

I had a letter from Mrs. Catherine Neil McMillian of Louisville in which she enclosed a clipping of the photo taken in the home of Mrs. Chatman, the President of the Auxiliary. She was wondering if you had her address, if you do not, here it is, 717 So. Preston Street, Louisville, Ky. She also mentioned the fact that she had been to Frankfort to school, and is looking forward to our visit to Louisville in the Spring. She says everybody is talking about our visit and much comment in the local Negro Newspapers, and many are asking here when we are expected to return.

For your information we have collected from seventy eight Porters in Detroit their tax in full. This, ofcourse, indludes six Philippinos and two Negro Attendants from Chicago now operating out of Detroit. We have collected from seventy three at Cleveland, one hundred five at Pittsburgh, twelve at Columbus, twenty eight at Indianapolis, eleven at Nashville and one at Montreal. I have had no report from the other Districts, although Cincinnati sent in the biggest report in the history of the Division for the month of February, amounting to three hundred ($322.00) twenty two dollars, including eleven new and reinstated members. So, it is my opinion that we will make an appreciable showing throughout the Zone. In other words I believe that each District will show approximately seventy percent collections in the tax, if not more, but we must not loose sight on the fact that a little later on the heat must be turned on such Districts as Louisville and the slackers in all Districts, because there is going to be from ten to fifteen here in Detroit that I am confident are not going to pay until the heat is turned on and that condition will prevail generally. While that is a very small percentage, but they, too, must be made to understand that the benefits they receive must be paid for by them atleast their portion of it the same as the others or else they will be held up to ridicule and scorn, and I must say that when you feel the time has come to fight call each one by name, and skin these parasites alive, and tack their bleeding hides upon the wall so every participating member in the organization can look upon them with scorn and contempt.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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March 5, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
2040 Mt. Herman Street
Jacksonville, Fla.
c/o Mr. S. L. Bennett

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I forgot to mention in my letter to Web yesterday that Brother Quinn passed away Monday Morning about 4:00 A.M. and his funeral will be held Saturday at 2 PM. It was very unfortunate as we had no knowledge that he was suffering as much as he was. He was recently employed by the City of Detroit in the Garbage Depatrment, and he worked Friday, Saturday being his day off we had not the slightest idea that his condition was such. It is my information that he was taken ill sometime Saturday and died early Monday Morning.

Attached here to is a letter addressed to me by Sister Hughes of Louisville, Kentucky which is self explanatory. Evidently she was holding the report to make it as large as possible before sending it in, or else it was just her delay in taking care of this matter. Ofcourse, I do not need to mention to you about the inactivity of her husband, the Secretary Treasurer. I shall continue to write the membership or prospective membership in Louisville, especially those of whom we have the addresses reminding them of their arrears and obligations to the organization, regardless, and after a reasonable length of time I intend to put more pressure on them. Ofcourse, I am of the opinion that a change in the set-up at Louisville with more interest shown on the part of the local officials, we might do some better than we have done in the past considering that our recent visit there has shown some benefit, because eight of the porters not including the Secretary Treasurer have paid their tax.

I have received ten ($10.00) dollars for the Charter in Indianapolis and I have sent letters to the financial membership requesting that they indicate their approval of the present set-up to serve the remainder of the term or until July, 1942 when an election can be held. My purpose for this was to get Brother Houston's name on the Charter or whoever they may desire, but Brother Houston feels that there should not be an election and due to his lack of understanding it is difficult to make him understand just what I mean and how I am trying to help him.

Yesterday I received the decision in the Goss and Newsome case at Pittsburgh, both were discharged and I will file notice of appeal to see what Brother Webster can do with Vroman on the matter. Ofcourse, everything was against us, and we did the best we could with what we had to fight with. This Bus Boy, Newsome is a very fine chap and was influenced by Attendant Goss. Another unfortunate circumstance arose during the hearing in which the Management brought out that Goss had gone to the Stool Pigeon Porter Instructor's home asking him to intercede in his behalf, which was an indirect admission of his guilt, and the very fact that they sold this spotter a steak and did not give him a check and there was some errors on the checks that the Management offered in evidence with respect to the totals it made a very difficult case to defend. However, I minimized all of those things and every thing else that the Management offered in evidence and denied the sales of steaks to the passengers and the spotter, and in mitigating the circumstances surrounding the whole affair I had hoped to create a feeling of doubt as to their guilt. It may be possible for Web to get Vroman to give some consideration to Goss because because of his age in the service and Newsome because of his youth and being under the direct command of the Attendant. Ofcourse, I am confident that they will never permit Goss to run in-charge even if any consideration is given him with respect to returning to service, but I do believe that the matter should be handled on appeal if for no other purpose than to have the Management on record as to their action so that Goss cannot go back to some of these Stool Pigeons, and the Management by some means of indirection put him back to work. Other than that I would not even request that it be handled on appeal, but we have to be careful about those things.

Everything else moves promisingly forward and I will keep in touch with you.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

For the last twenty-four hours I have been beseiged with calls what did you do with my money, on account of the letters you have sent out, I wish you had ask me how the members were responding before you showered the District with that type of letter, especially since I told you some of them had paid when you were here, even offered it to you. As they were coming in allmost daily I had waited to get some promises in which ran to the last of the week.

With this final report I am sending you Cashier check for the amount of $270.00 there is twelve dollars due you yet as reported on the Assessment blank. I put the figures on the report but I found that I was unable to get to the bank or get a money order, So I will send it by separate mail as soon as I can get to the office in the morning, making a total report of $282.00 Dues $66.00, New Membership $120.00 and Tax $96.00.

The men are asking for some sort of celephane container to keep their cards in, will you forward the books to me for these new men.

Yours truly,
/s/ A.R. Hughes
Louisville District.

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1716 SEVENTH STREET
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March 12, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Richmond Hotel
442 Broad Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your very informative letter and I am glad to note that you and Web are enjoying good health during your sojourn in the South, and here is hoping for your continued enjoyable stay and a safe return.

We are sending out the names as carried on the Seniority Roster in the various Districts over the Zone requesting our key-men to affix the addresses of all of those who are not members of the organization. Many of them we have, already, and we have mailed several letters to each in some instances, with no responds, however, others have joined up. As soon as we can get all of the addresses of the 'hold-outs' in the various districts we plan to make a final appeal and then after a reasonable length of time turn on the heat.

I am glad you are giving some thought to the drafting of the necessary letter in this effort.

In connection with the cases of Attendant Goss and Busboy Newsome of Pittsburgh, while everything was against us, I am proud to know that the Management has stopped the Attendants and Busboys from supplying their cars and there has been no change in the reporting and release time allowance in the schedule, which gives the men more time to check their cars and do the other necessary work with respect to the preparation and release. This has been a 'bone of contention' for quite some time and I have not been able to get the exact information until we were in Conference on the Goss and Newsome matter.

It was rather amusing to hear District Superintendent Scudder testify that the men were supplying these cars of their own free will and as an accommodation to the Management, and when I questioned Metz, who is in charge of the District Commissary, he testified that he had been in Pittsburgh at the head of that Department since

1916 and that during that period he always understood that the Attendants and Busboys were supposed to supply their own cars and that he had never had any information to the contrary from the Pullman Management. Then Assistant Superintendent Leban was most amusing when he tried to say in his testimony or rather statement for the record that it was nearer for the Attendants to come by the Commissary and transfer in route to their work than it was to go direct from their homes, which was most rediculous. Now, while that had nothing to do with the boys selling that spotter a steak and their failure to properly add up the meal checks which was offered in evidence, we can find consolation in knowing that we did correct a condition that had been existing for a number of years in the Pittsburgh Commissary Department, and it is not yet known after you and Web can have a study of the transcript what may be done with respect to returning these men to service, but regardless to the ultimate out-come we did not loose everything.

Yes I noticed the clipping of our pictures in the Defender. It was sent to me from Louisville. My wife said that I looked like a 'second-story-man' ofcourse, you could not expect any better picture when you consider the equipment of some of the photographers in the agency of some of our National Negro News Papers.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

P. S. Attached hereto is a copy of letter I received from Spencer Pitt of Toronto on the Patterson Matter. I explained to him that the Brotherhood was in no position to advise Patterson as to what action he should take with respect to prosecuting or staying the proceedings, in the absence of any request from Patterson of the Brotherhood's advise. So, it would be a matter for Patterson himself to decide.

For your information this porter was returned to work on or about January 8th. B.S.

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March 2, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Room 305, 1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan,, U.S.A.

Dear Sir                    Re: Porter Phillip B. Patterson

Sometimes last December, you wrote to me in connection with Porter Patterson who was then charged with an offence under the Criminal Code, and the charge against him was dismissed. He had originally instructed me to institute civil proceedings against the people who had him arrested for five thousand ($5,000) dollars damages for false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and assualt, and after I had prepared the papers for filing in court, Patterson asked me to hold up the filing in the court and to stay further proceedings until he got some understanding from the Company because it seems as though, the local agent here left him with the impression that he should not take up proceedings against the people because it would be giving a lot of publicity to the company.

I do not think that that should be, however, he is now in to see me, and he says he was waiting word from the Brotherhood in so far as his job was concerned. I thought that I would write to you and find out what is the sentiment if this man was falsely arrested, as he was for which he was not paid, I think that he should be idemnified.

I would appreciate it very much if you would write me and let me know what stand your Brotherhood would take in this matter, if Patterson decides to take proceedings against Orenstein for false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and assualt.

Yours very truly,
/s/ B.J. Spencer Pitt
Solicitor for Patterson

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 18, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith

Dear Sir:

Your letter was received today at hand, and now I am informing you of an understanding about the Charter money. You gave me my ten ($10.00) dollars back because it was out one man pocket. Now, there ten ($10.00) dollars out of a nother man pocket, Mr. G. L. Owsley gave to Brother Allen to send away for Charter and it wasent collected from the members, but the eight ($8.50) dollars and fifty cents I turned over to Brother Owsley and his wife on the 16th of this month was what I had collected for Charter, so it as same as I did and you coulden except mine. All I want you to do is to play fair, as I have done by you.

There have had private meetings have been had and some of the porters as well as myself dont like these unfair moves.

I remain respectfully,

/s/ C. Houston.

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March 19, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that the men at Indianapolis have confirmed the present set-up for the remainder of the term with the exception of Brother Houston. For some reason they have choosen the oldest man in the District as President, and I am this day sending for a Charter for the Indianapolis Division.

It is rather unfortunate for Brother Houston, but I think I will be able to explain to him and induce him to go along, for after all it is just a local matter, and it is natural for Negroes to attempt to discredit some of the ones who have been with us all along. Confidentially speaking, it would have only been out of the spirit of his loyalty to the Organization that he should have been choosen as President of the Division. While I do not know anything about this man Dickerson as he has never put in an appearance at any of the meetings as I recall during the last ten or twelve years I have been visiting Indianapolis. He only recently became a member. However, I do not feel that I will experience any difficulty to any extent, or that cannot be easily handled from any of the local group, regardless to who they might choose, for after all none of them can do any harm to any great extent before it is discovered.

In view of the lack of experience of the Indianapolis Group I should like to suggest that time permitting, I take this paraphernalia to Indianapolis some time next month and set them up and give them the necessary instructions. This might prevent future misunderstandings,since this man Dickerson has only paid a few months dues in the history of the Organization. I think I should look into the situation before turning them aloose on their own. It is my opinion this will be better for all concerned, then they will understand just what is expected of them in their duties and obligations to the Brotherhood.

Everything else moves promisingly forward and I will keep in touch with you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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P. S. Enclosed is a copy of letter I have just received from Brother Houston, which is self explanatory.

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March 21, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am very glad to know that yours' and Webb's sojourn in the South was a pleasant one and your return journey safe.

I am attaching hereto a copy of letter recently received from Brother Royster, our local Secretary Treasurer of Nashville, which is self explanatory.

While there is nothing that we can do about matters of this nature nor can the Pullman Company in as much as they cannot be held responsible for the actions of some ignorant person who may be riding upon the Railroads of the country, but it does have a tendency to show the trend of feeling with some of that type. In other words the feeling has always been there but it is more apparent on the surface in times like these.

Everything seems to be moving promisingly forward over the Zone but the possible exception of Louisville, where we have only eight who have paid their tax. I believe though, I mentioned this in a previous letter. However, more than fifty one percent at Indianapolis have paid their tax, and in Pittsburgh one hundred forty out of two hundred fifteen have paid, in Detroit we have eighty two out of one hundred three, Columbus has fifteen out of thirty four, Cleveland has seventy three out of one hundred twenty five, Nashville has fifteen out of forty eight. I have not as yet had a report from Cincinnati nor Chattanooga. In Chattanooga we have twenty three men including the ones that have been hired recently, and I am confident that eighteen out of that twenty three have or will pay their tax.

Some extra ordinary measure will have to be taken in Lousville, even if we have to change the set up there.

I presume that Brother Totten has told you about one of our New York Brotherhood men, who dropped dead yesterday morning here in Detroit while discharging his passengers. There will be more information forthcoming on that subject when I have obtained more.

I believe the Madam mailed a letter to Mrs. Randolph this week and she has asked to be remembered to you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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COPY

Knoxville, Tenn.
March 18, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President B. of S.C.P.

Dear Bro. Smith:

Last night while enroute to Knoxville, I opened up at Cookeville, Tenn, and while there I was standing on my platform, a man passenger from coach came over on my platform and ask why I was looking so dam sarcastic, I saw the man was drinking so I started to walk away when he reached out to take hold of me, I told him not to put his hands on me so he began to curse me calling me a ------------ and picking up a coach step box saying that he was going to kill me, I looked him in the eye and backed in the car and began to work on a window in men's hall way that rattled, this , I started to work on before arriving at Cookeville, Then this man came in to car shouting he was going to kill me, he was taken out by three men who were with him, he then returned twice more the last time shouting his intentions to kill me. He attempted to strike me with a step box, but I blocked the blow. At this he and the others went out of car, his repeating that he was going to kill me. I reported to the train Conductor just as soon as was possible. I later learned from Train Conductor that this man and the other three were Navy Recruits returning from Nashville where they had been examined to Johnson City where they wouldremain until called for service. I wish again to state that I heard this man say while he was on platform that he was going to kill me because I was stanging in men's hall way. He then went out of car yelling that I hit him with a black jack. I did throw up my arm with window jack in my hand in order to ward off his intended blow. The reason why I had the window jack was because I was trying to eliminate a rattle by raising a hard window next to electric locker.

A Special Agent was wired to meet my car at Knoxville which he did, This same passenger then came to my car but he did not recognize me and told the Special Agent that he was going to have a Porter arrested or kill him. The Special Agent told him if he did not get a going that he would jail him. At that he left. I have made a similiar statement to the Pullman Company here at Knoxville and Nashville.

I wish to say that I walked off trying to avoid trouble, but as to his being hit after my being threatened and even after he attempted I have but little to say. But I honestly assure you that I did nothing to provoke the incident.

Hoping to hear from you soon. I am

Fraternally yours,
(SIGNED) W. M. Roys ter
1612 Jefferson St.

March 25th
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Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 15th. I am glad to know that favorable changes have been made for the commissary men as a result of your fight for the attendant and bus boy in Pittsburgh.

I am glad to know that the porter in Toronto has been returned to work.

It is splendid that you are getting all of the rosters with the addresses of the men so that we can turn the heat on them at a certain time, as they have not paid the tax.

I leave today (March 19) for Chicago and will visit Wilberforce, Dayton, and Toledo and then back to Chicago.

It is a splendid victory for us to get the wage increase for the Canadian porters. Kindly remember me to the Madam.

I am sorry to hear that Brother Quinn passed away.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/af

April 2, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1808 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 21, with enclosure from Brother Royster from Nashville.

As you say, such incidents as these are hard to handle. Some of these southern white men who get quite liquored up use it sometimes as an excuse for venting their spleen of hatred against Negroes. If anything comes of the case, I think the Brotherhood should demand that the Pullman Company give these men protection against such rowdy and irresponsible passengers.

I think that after the first of June, which date we shall set as the deadline for the payment of the tax, we shall then carry in the Black Worker the names of the porters in the various districts who have not paid the tax. Prior to this time, I shall write something in the Black Worker warning them of this fact. I think that this will have a desirable effect.

A memorandum dealing with the adjustment of the wage question for Canadian porters will be sent to you.

Kindly remember me to the Madam and all the Brothers and Sisters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/mf

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April 7, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 2nd, and I do believe it will be quite an incentive if some mention by you through the column of the Black Worker be made as to the dead line for the hold-outs. During the interim we will continue as we have in the past to keep a constant stream of letters ponring out over the zone urging all of those who are out to come in and notifying those who are nearing the three months limit to pay up. This is quite expensive from the standpoint of postage and extra work, but it is cheaper than making trips to the various places. Ofcourse, I realize the need of making personal visits to these Districts atleast once every three months and perhaps a little later a plan can be worked out by which that can be done.

I have not had any information from Sister Hughes in Louisville since I mailed those letters to the porter group there, and those who had paid called her up wanting to know what she had done with the money. Ofcourse, I find it necessary to continue sending these letters regardless to her conclusions. After all she will come around to our way of thinking.

In Detroit we have collected and sent in the tax for eighty five out of one hundred six men on the roster and of that number two have retired and three incapacitated and will never work again. According to reports to date Pittsburgh has one hundred forty out of two hundred thirty one, Cleveland eighty out of one hundred twenty five, Cincinnati fifty four out of a possible one hundred forty five, Indianapolis thirty two out of fifty two, Columbus sixteen out of thirty two, Nashville seventeen out of fifty seven, Louisville eight out of a possible eighty five. We have not had any report as yetfrom Chattanooga, but they only have twenty three men. According to one of the Brotherhood men in Toronto they collected from about fifteen last week, the next day after they received their money. I have not had any information from Montreal but I am sure we can collect on approximately sixty percent from that group before we start pushing them.

I will appreciate the memorandum dealing with the adjustment of the wage question of the Canadian group.

The Madam has ask to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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April 13, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that a charge of insubordination has been placed against one of our men of Toronto by a prejudiced minded Pullman Conductor according to all available information.

The case has been set for Friday, April 17th and from the outlook I believe with your permission it will be advisable for me to sit in on the hearing to help out the local group, and while I am there I can hold atleast one meeting if I can catch a sufficient number in town, if not I can atleast talk to the Auziliary and a few of the Committeemen.

I can leave there Sunday and be in Detroit Sunday night or early Monday morning.

You might let me have your observation with respect to this matter.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph, and with kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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[illegible] wage [illegible] railways [illegible] may be [illegible] with higher [illegible] the U.S. authority [illegible] national war labor board in an amendment to the order-in-council prohibiting basic wage increases.

Exemption from the wage increase ban may be used at the board's discretion to allow increases for other Canadians employed by U.S. companies. No cost-of-living bonus will be provided.

Increases allowed to correspond with U.S. wage levels are not to be considered in determining the Canadian basic rate.

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Form 1

Smith

To Mr. Bennie Smith, Secretary-Treasurer April 15, 19 42
Detroit Division, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Street Address Room 305, 1308 Broadway

City Detroit, Michigan

Would advise that you go to Toronto on case. Since time is short you can pay fare and Totten will reimburse for funds.

A. Philip Randolph

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*Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference*

*Sender's Telephone Number*

April 16, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd Internat'l Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thank you for your letter of April 7th. I think the men who have not paid the tax yet we will have to bear down on with all our force. But I think a whole lot of them we will get to pay.

Now I am sending out a bulletin making June 1st the dead-line for tax payment. After that no dues will be accepted until taxes are paid. If you will send me the names and addresses of the porters who are not members of the Brotherhood in Louisville, I will put them in the BLACK WORKER and write an article about them. We will use Louisville as an example to prod the porters in other districts.

As I think about it it might not be well to put the names of all the porters of every district who have not paid because then the Company will take advantage of it and preach about the fact that the men will not respond to the tax to the extent that we expected. This may discourage some of our stronger men; but we can put some of the names of porters who are way back in their dues in every district, and who have not paid the tax in the BLACK WORKER and use them as an example to other men.

The Company and some of the other men will think that these are the only men who have not paid and it will encourage payment of the taxes.

The Madam is back and is feeling fine. Kindly remember me to Mrs. Smith. The various districts of your zone are showing up very well in the tax payment. As soon as possible, I will send you the matter on the Canadian porters. They have received their back pay, so are no doubt very happy.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:es

James E. Watson, B. A.
Barrister and Solicitor

168 Dundas St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.

April, 22, 1942

Mr. Benny Smith
2nd Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to our conversation of last Saturday, April 18th, 1942, I am asking this opportunity of writing to you. I trust that your return trip to Detroit was a safe and pleasant one; and that the time will soon come again when you will be able to honor us with your presence.

It was indeed a pleasure to have met you, Mr. Smith, and I feel that all that were privileged to hear you last Saturday were greatly benefited and encouraged. I use the word "encouraged" deliberately because it is all too infrequent that we Negroes in Toronto have the opportunity of hearing Negro men of your stamp and calibre.

It is hard for me to convey to you the difficulty of trying to keep one's head above water in a place such as Toronto where ignorance, backwardness and downright prejudice among our colored people is the rule instead of the exception. That is why I say visits to our group here by such men as you do so much to encourage those of us who in spite of ourselved become too psssimistic and resigned at times.

With respect to organiz ing the porters of the Candadian Pacific Railroad Company, I might say that I believe these men are anxious to be organized. There have been in the past so many false starts made in this direction that a lor of the younger men have become d scouraged. To allow these men to remain in their weak and defenseless position seems to me to be a reflection upon those of us who pride ourselves upon our intelligence and progressiveness.

I sincerely feel, Mr. Smith, that if I could get some word from a person in authority such as yourself or Mr. Randolph to go ahead with the ground work in this matter much could be accomplished. In the mean time I will busy myself in getting all the data with respect to the number names and a dresses of the men in each district that might be of assistance to you.

I trust this letter finds you and yours well and happy and I close hoping to hear from you ar your realiest convenience.

Yours respectfully,
/s/ James E. Watson
Barrister, etc.

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Ans. April 30, '42

April 22, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for the information contained in yours of the 16th with respect to your issuing a bulletin as of June 1st for the dead line for tax payments. I am sure this bulletin can be gotten out on or about May 1st with few exceptions, all that is possible to squeeze in will be recorded by June 1st. In the mean time I will try to secure the addresses of the men that we do not have in Louisville and forward them to you.

On April 17th we received the seniority roster that we have been trying to get since the first of the year, and now we are endeavoring to get the addresses of all of those from Louisville that we do not have.

Along with the seniority roster we received another report from Louisville with six more men paying tax. This makes a total of fourteen. We have been constantly sending letters to all of those we knew urging them to pay their tax.

I am very glad that I made the trip to Toronto in connection with the Moxley case. It is quite evident that the Management continues to attempt to make a mountain out of a moll-hill, and there is no question but what they will take advantage of our local group. I am confident that I was able to prevent any penalty being assessed in connection with this charge. The evidence clearly disclosed that this charge grew out of and was based upon an unsupported statement by a cracker minded Pullman Conductor, who specializes in his constant reference to the South in an effort to intimidate porters of whom he had cause to come in contact with on these cars. It developed that his tactics were practiced on several of the porters with whom he came in contact operating out of the Toronto Agency. While there may be a remote possibility that the porter in question did use some of the language addressed to the Pullman Conductor, I nevertheless, taken the position that such remarks were not made since the Pullman Company could not prove it, and after all a cracker minded Pullman Conductor can ride porters until they are forced to use some language that may not be accepted in Sunday School.

During my stay in Toronto I held a joint meeting with the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Brotherhood members and I believe for the first time that every available man in Toronto was in attendance at this meeting. There were a few new men there who had been hired since January 1st, and had been under the impression that they had to serve their probationary period before they could join the Brotherhood. After the meeting they told me that they would immediately come into the Organization. So, I expect to see their names on the next report from Toronto.

I also held a very enthusiastic meeting with a large group of the C.P.R. men. Apparently, these men are aroused and want to come into the Organization. They realize the need of such protection, but it is quite apparent that they are not willing to pay for it. So, I explained to them that it would be very necessary for them to show some evidence of their desire for the protection of the Organization by the greater majority paying their initiation fees and continuing to pay their dues so as to enable the Organization to proceed to give them the relief for which they pray. Like many of our men from the states they want the Organization, but want someone else to pay for it.

I was surprised at the number in attendance, but I think it was due to the fact that the youngest man in the employ of the Pullman Company draws more money for a months service than the oldest man in the service of the C.P.R. From their expressions they have seen some of the large checks drawn by the Pullman men in Toronto.

There is no question Chief, but what these men are in a worse condition than the Pullman Porters ever were. In fact the conditions under which they work are worse than they were during my service in that country. There is now an existing condition wherein a porter who does not have as much as one hundred eighty five days continued service in one year, he accumulates no seniority. In other words he is dropped and started all over again. Ofcourse, that is to the advantage of the Management, but I am not so sure if it would not also prove a disadvantage to the Brotherhood when we assert our rights as to the right to represent on the basis of numbers. In other words these men who do not make this continued service over a period of a year when dropped their names do not appear on the seniority roster, so by that method when it comes to an Organization the Company may pretend that they have far more men who have employment relationship with the Management than is shown on their roster. The men explained to me that there are about one hundred sixty men regularly employed in Toronto, but that there are about three hundred that might be termed as seasonal workers. So, when I am able to obtain the seniority roster that will not necessarily disclose the exact number of men who have employment relationship with the C.P.R. Management. However, I have requested the men to furnish me the seniority rosters of the various Districts in Canada so that we may have some knowledge as to the number of men in the employ of the C.P.R. in the capacity of porters in this matter. I had some men from Winnipeg, Vancouver, Montreal as well as Toronto. The Winnipeg men said that they had all the men in with the exception of three so I told them that we had not seen any of the money yet, he said the money was in the bank at Winnipeg and was only waiting for us to come up and organize them. So, if I can secure the addresses we might send them letters in an effort to assist the men in getting them into the organization. I promised them if we could have some assurance of a majority of the men who were willing to join and pay their obligations that it could be arranged for you and other International Officials to visit every District in Canada for the purpose of setting up the various locals and starting them off in the Organization.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

P. S. Attached is a copy of letter I have just received from one of the young Negro Lawyers at Toronto, who spoke at our joint meeting.

To better acquaint you with this young lad, he defended one of the non-union men in a hearing at Toronto a few months ago, and in his talk in the meeting he explained to the members of the group the helplessness of an Attorney or any one else who was not connected with the Brotherhood to attempt to defend any employe of the Management. He advised them all that in as much as he needed the money the Brotherhood could do them far more good in any hearing than any outsider. I believe it is the first time that I have ever heard a Negro Attorney admit to the facts.

He explained to them how smart the Pullman Company was and how humiliated he was when the Company raised the question as to what connections he had with the Brotherhood, and ofcourse, I assume that McCaffrey, like the Pullman Company's under-studies will, elaborated to some extent in an effort to take some of the sting out, if any he possessed. However, I learned that the man was put in the street, but maybe returned to service after a couple of months in the street.

This young man is very eager to assist us in every way, as you will note, to organize the C.P.R. men. You can let me have your observations with respect to his gathering some data if he is able to do so along this line. It is my private opinion that the hidden motivated spirit is in search of a "gravy-train."

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May 18, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to acknowledge the draft letter on the deadline of tax payments, of which I appreciate very much.

We are this day forwarding same to all the members throughout the Zone, and to those whose addresses we have and are not yet in the Organization we are sending out the attached card, which is self explanatory.

Nashville is insisting on a visit to their Division, and while I have not been down that way for quite some time we will discuss the matter when I see you with the view of making such a visit.

I am having some difficulty in getting the information from Shannon, Miss Jefferson and old Brother Hubbard of Cincinnati as to their delay in getting in the reports. Our last report from them covered collections as of March 9, 1942, and we were unable to get that until May 4th after repeated requests, and in addition to that we sent out some dues statements to the membership notifying them of their arrears, and some of them sent in their Working Cards showing that they had paid beyond what our credits showed in this office. Evidently, there is some error in the method of their bookkeeping and records as compared to the reports sent in. So, if I am unable to get this matter straightened out through correspondence it may be necessary for me to run down to Cincinnati and see what is wrong.

Everything over the Zone according to all available information is moving forward.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

Encl.

May 22, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to advise herewith that you advise the locals of your zone of the forthcoming biennial elections in June and for them to proceed with said elections as provided in the Constitution.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

apr/mf

May 27, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice President
2611-13 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks for your letter of May 18th. Glad to know that you are pushing the men to pay the tax.

I know that it is hard to get Brothers Hubbard and Shannon and Sister Jefferson to move with speed.

I got a letter from Brother Jones of Montreal, Canada urging that you and I come to Canada as soon as possible because the Canadian porters are ready to join up. I wrote that you and I would come there soon in August.

You may so inform the men, and have them come in to see you from time to time.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:es

May 29, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed letters which are self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:es

June 1, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
2611-13 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

I want to call your attention to a case in letter from Brother William Redmond which was sent to me May 20th and copy of which was sent to you.

I wish you would do what you can about this case and I will talk it over with you when I am in Chicago. He is complaining about his claim not receiving proper attention and wanted me to take it up. I told him that no one could handle it but yourself and that if it had merits you would get proper results.

Kindly remember me to the Madam and brother and sister.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:es

Smith

June 9, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Kindly send me the address of Mrs. Grooms. I want to write her to thank her for her pictures.

I was glad to see you looking so well in Chicago. Kindly remember me to the Madam .

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 11, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say find attached hereto names and addresses of the C.P.R. porters of Toronto, Winnipeg and Moose Jaw.

I have not been able to secure the names and addresses from other sections of Canada, but it is my considered opinion, if and when I come into possession of them we will have between five and six hundred in the employ of the C. P. R. in that capacity.

I have recently told them that they might come into the Organnization for the payment of fifteen ($15.00) dollars in as much as the Special Assessment will not apply to them at present.

It would be better if they would pay this money into the Brotherhood locals established in Montreal and Toronto, but in the Districts like Winnipeg I have advised them to deposit the amount in the bank to the credit of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and forward to me all the details, and that on or about Aug. 1st, 1942 we would make a trip through Canada for the purpose of which they request.

I have indirectly learned that there is some controversy in Toronto, in fact, the same old controversy with respect to paying the local Secretary Treasurer a commission of thirty cents out of each months dues. From what I have been able to learn they only want to allow him about two ($2.00) dollars a month or his dues, and it is my information that Brother Flemming will not accept the nomination to succeed himself under those conditions, and in view of all the circumstances surrounding this matter I am fully in accord with him. The very fact that the men having nothing else to do with their allocation, and they have about one hundred twenty eight ($128.00) dollars in their local treasure, and Brother Flemming having done that work for so many years for nothing and did everything in his power to help hold the Organization together, and to think that the men received the back pay and an increase in wages and then want to cut the compensation of their local Secretary Treasurer is inconsistent, and in addition thereto, evidence of ingratitude. I think he is quite right if he declines on those grounds and let someone else take over the Secretary Treasurership. After all we cannot compel a man to perform certain local official duties at a price fixed by the local Division when that price is less than what has been generally considered as reasonable as ~~as~~ thirty cents out of each months dues.

I will keep you informed of developments.

I think it would be advisable to draft a letter that we may send to each of the C.P.R. men urging them to pay up in full, atleast the initiation fee by the time we get there in order that we may be able to set up a local in the various Districts.

You might let me have your observation on the matter.

The address of Mrs. Claude Grooms is 284 E. Warren.

I brought back from Chicago considerable amount of literature on the Mass Meeting there on the 26th. We have distributed it around over Detroit. My Secretary has placed one or two of the placards in Drug Stores on the East Side and one at the YWCA.

I plan to leave next week on a partial trip over my zone. I think I will go direct to Chattanooga from Cincinnati, and then come up by the way of Nashville to Louisville and Indianapolis. It will take the same amount of time.

Again the Madam joins me in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Randolph.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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June 12, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am sending you this memorandum. Didn't know whether you had a copy or not. It was given to me in Cleveland.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 16th
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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached hereto is a copy of letter received from one of the C.P.R. men, together with three more names and addresses, which is supposed to complete the list of the porter personnel of the C. P. R. at Toronto. The same is self explanatory.

This Social Club, no doubt, is a shield for the men in holding their meetings. However, in drafting the letter I do not think any mention of the Social Club is advisable. They should be told very frankly the price of admission into the Brotherhood and the necessity of promptly paying their dues either through the Brotherhood local established there or deposit it to the credit of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in the bank where we do business.

I also feel that it is advisable for you to draft the letter to each of these prospective members.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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encl.

June 15, 1942
Toronto, Ont.

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

This will acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication as to the information I were seeking.

I am glad to hear that you heard from Winnipeg and Moose Jaw, as I seen Brother Blanchett that very day. I sent your letter at the station.

Sorry to have held you up with the name of the porters in sealing the letter up, but I am sending you a new copy.

I hope you will be able to write to all the men between now and the 24th of June as we are forming a Social Club that night to bring it right into the Brotherhood. I think the Club Idea will work out alright. With you sending information to all of them and the Club working too, I hope to bring this around very soon.

I send me those copy's of membership. Tell you more when the meeting come off. Until then, I remain

Fraternally yours,
/s/ Charles H. Baldwin

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MR. BENNIE SMITH, 2ND INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS, 1308 BROADWAY, ROOM #308, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

DEAR BENNIE:

KINDLY CALL UP SENATOR CHARLES C. DIGGS IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM HIM THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO SPEAK JULY 8TH.

SIGNED

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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July 8, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to call to your attention a letter addressed to you sometime ago in connection with you drafting a letter, if you so desired, to be mailed to the list of C.P.R. porters, whose addresses are in our possession, a copy of which was sent to you.

I thought it might be well to send them some letters prior to our visit to Canada.

While on the subject of Canada I have promised Mrs. Westbrooks a vacation in as much as she has been with us for more than two years with no vacation, and feeling that we will go to Canada on or about the 1st of August I planned to give her one week the last week in July and the other week after I return from Canada, or the latter part of August. I will appreciate your observation in connection with this matter so that plans may be arranged for same.

I should also like to inform you that there apparently seem to be a situation developing in Cincinnati that is going to require my being there for a few days to get matters straightened out with respect to that group sending in their reports.

During my last visit there I found the records in a very bad condition. They had not been sending in any reports Since May 25th. yet it developed that they had collected a considerable sum for which they had not reported, but promised to complete the reports and send to me and the International the reports by the time I returned to Detroit, but up to the present they have not done so and do not seem to be making any arrangement to somply with my request.

It is next to impossible to contact Shannon. He did not attend any of the meetings when I was there, and when I did contact him by phone he gave the excuse that he was sick and was not responsible for getting in the reports.

Leona, Miss Jefferson is married to a delinquent Brother, Bert Egler, and she gave the excuse that she had been so busy that she had not had the time to make out the reports, and ofcourse, old Brother Hubbard is practically useless when it comes to seeing that the local is properly conducted.

I am of the opinion that I have got to take the matter out of Shannon's hands, and I am not sure that we are going to be able to make Leona dig up all of the money that she has collected, but something has got to be done about it and that very shortly.

I hesitate to notify the members not to pay her any more money until I can go there and get this thing straightened out because the average porter does not want to pay any dues any way and if he has the least suspicion that the local group are not right that will be a good excuse for him not to pay, and perhaps claim that he has paid a lot more than he has actually paid.

I fail to understand just what has gotten into Shannon and Leona or for that matter Brother Hubbard, from all appearances they seem to take an entirely indifferent attitude toward the whole situation, despite the fact that their collections now are greater that at any time in their history.

I have mailed them several letters since my return but they have not as yet acknowledged any of them.

Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville and Indianaplis are moving steadily forward with respect to membership and dues collections. While there is much room for improvement all are doing far better than at any time in the past, and it is my opinion that an increase in new and reinstated members in those Divisions will be reflected in future reports.

Louisville and Columbus have been granted charters which make every Division under my supervision now in possession of a charter.

Sister Wilson was with me in Indianapolis where we held a joint meeting.

The Auxiliaries in places I visited are showing great progress. At Nashville the President, Sister D. D. Phillips has broken up the Auxiliary of the P.P.B. of A. in that city and has taken nearly all of the members into the Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Everything else is moving promisingly forward and from all available reports they are in the process of election of officers for the ensuing term.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
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July 10, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 16th and enclosure from Brother Charles H. Baldwin and the names of three porters.

I will write them concerning membership fee and dues. Lawyer Pitt of Toronto was in the office a few days ago, and expressed the need of organizing the men of the CPR. I told him that you and I were coming to Canada some time in August.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:es

1208 E. 20th Street
Los Angeles, California
July 14, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second Internation Vice President, B.S.C.P.
308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am glad to know that you have covered most of the zone and that you found things in relatively good shape.

I am a little surprised and disturbed over conditions in Cincinnati. I think you will have to take the work from Miss Jefferson since she married Brother Burk Egler. Since it may be that here marriage is taking up most of her time and she cannot give much time to the Brotherhood. I suggest that the moneies collected be reported to Brother Totten by all means, and you had better plan to go there and get the financial situation straightened out at your earliest convenience.

Unfortunately, Brother Shannon is a little careless, and doesn't seem to take seriously matters that are extremely serious to the Brotherhood. I, therefore, think that you will have to go and keep the pressure on them and get things in shape and let some one else handle the funds instead of Miss Jefferson.

Mrs. Wilson told me that she saw you in Indianapolis. Now, I want us to arrange a trip to Canada. I will let you know when that will be. About how long do you think it will take us to make the trip? I should say that we will be able to start out around August 16. I shall send a letter to all the members whose names and addresses you sent me.

We are about to straighten out the brother in Nashville.

I am here in Los Angeles for the N.A.A.C.P. Conference and will be here until around July 26 at the above address, Headquarters of the Brotherhood.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Phillip Randolph

July 15, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I got the list of CPR men and I shall write to them and let them know what time we shall come to Canada in August.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 17, 1942

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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your letter under date of July 14th.

It is my present plans to go to Cincinnati the week of the 26th. I talked to Mrs. Shannon on the telephone yesterday, long distance. Brother Shannon had gone down the street. So, I think about the only way that I can get that matter straightened out is to go down there and do the thing that should be done.

I am glad to have the information as to our plans to visit Canada, and I am very glad that you have mailed letters to the group.

I am enclosing a letter recently received from Winnipeg, which is self explanatory. No doubt, this is one method that those fellows have of getting together. The only question in my mind is, whether or not they are putting the money in the bank where it will be available for the Brotherhood when they sign the application blanks. I suppose they are too scared to do as I suggested, that is, each man deposit fifteen ($15.00) dollars in the bank to the credit of the Brotherhood so that we would have only to set them up on our arrival. However, we can go into that after we get there.

I am also attaching a copy of a letter over the signature of Champ Carry, which is self explanatory. This is one of the new men who was hired here in Detroit about six months ago and is a member of the Organization. I thought I would pass this along to you because I am slightly skeptical of the Management benevolence. I had this Brother to go to one of our Doctors here in Detroit for examination and while there is nothing apparently wrong with him with the exception of some slight bruises and a few minor cuts that have already healed, but I was just wondering what is behind this as it is so unusual. Maybe we can use it way down the line.

Brother Webster informed me that he would stop over at Detroit either going or coming to Washington Thursday or Friday of next week.

We have added sixty new and reinstated men over the zone ending June 30, 1942 and five hundred sixty one out of eight hundred ninety three total personnel, who have paid their tax in full.

It is unusually hot here and I certainly hope that you are able to find some decent weather atleast at night in that section of the country.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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THE PULLMAN COMPANY
Chicago

July 10, 1942

Mr. T. C. Parent
Porter,
The Pullman Company
Michigan Central Station
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Porter Parent:

I take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Company and myself personally, admiration and appreciation of your performance at the time of the head-on collision between the special troop train and ACL Train No. 5 at Whigam, Georgia, the morning of July 1, 1942.

I know you will have great personal satisfaction from the knowledge that you assisted others in a time of distress. You performed service on behalf of the Company and yourself as an individual that merits the highest commendation and it gives me pleasure to inform you that as a material expression of appreciation, the Management has decided to grant you a two week's vacation with pay. I am advising your District Superintendent Mr. Reid (Mr. J. W. Davidson) to arrange for your vacation at a mutually convenient and satisfactory time.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Champ Carry

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July 9th, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of April 2nd, I have been waiting to get a more complete report on conditions for you. The Winnipeg district have got together and have organized a unity club of the porters and 35 of the 54 members have signed up and are paying dues. 90% of the Calgary Branch are signed up and I have a good report that the Vancouver branch will come in 100%.

Dues are being received right along from the different districts showing that the boys are now ready to go in and as soon as everyone knows this in the open I am sure it will be 100%.

The President is J. M. Sledd of Winnipeg, Secretary Mr. A. R. Blanchett Treasurer, Mr. J. Wilson. Here are some of the names of the men and their respective towns:-

J. M. Sledd, Wpg. Carl Williams, Wpg. J. Audley, Wpg. A. N. Ware Vanc.
J. Bowen, Wpg. Roy Williams, Calg. C. L. Walker, Wpg. A. Allison, Wpg.
James. D. Walker, Wpg. Boadie Bowen, Calg. R. Saunders, Wpg.
J. R. Briscoe, Wpg. Carl Mayes -- J. R. Hudson, Jr. Wpg. J. W. Holmes
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Wpg. A. Kay, Calg. B. Proctor, Calg. W. Richardson, Calg.
R. McLellan, Calg. H. W. Leonard, Vanc. C. McNeal, Calg. H. Snead, Calg.
F. D. Brown, Wpg. C. H. Gray, Calg. R. Reddick, Wpg. H. Bailey, Wpg.
F. Washington, Wpg. N. Edwards, J. Hayes, Wpg. W. Medlock, Calg. Christie
Adams, Calg. C. Phillips, Wpg. C. L. Holmes, Calg. J. E. Larence
Vanc. J. H. Fair, Vanc. Fay Carruthers, Vanc.

I believe this is what you asked for in your last letter and hope it meets with your approval. We are still working on it and hope to have things in ship shape soon.

Awaiting your reply.

I beg to remain,

Yours truly,
Mr. Wm. Moore
559 Main St.,
Winnipeg, Man. Can.

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Smith

1208 E. 20th Street
Los Angeles, California
July 22, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
2611 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of July 17, advising me that you were going to Cincinnatti to straighten out the situation there; I am glad to hear this. Unfortunately, this is a weak group but you will be able to get them all set eventually.

I will let you know a little later on when we can go to Canada.

You are right, it would be well if the men deposit the money in the bank in the name of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. I hope the men are ready to come into the Brotherhood.

Fraternally yours,

A. Phillip Randolph

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August 3, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I have just returned from Cincinnati, and have begun to feel some relief from that awful headache. I believe that I have things in fair condition. As to the actual amount that we will be short is a little difficult to determine at this time. However, I was able to get most of the money in a final report and take Mrs. Egler's i.o.u. for $56.13 of the amount due the International on the face of her report. Ofcourse, this included all of her commission and we were not able to pay all of the Zone and Division allocation.

Now, while we never expect this i.o.u. to be paid in view of the fact that I do not think she has it, but she was very honest in admitting the shortage, and she worked very faithfully in an effort to help me correct some of the records which are tracebly due to nothing but negligence on the part of the Secretary Treasurer and his assistant.

I held another election during my stay there. We have a new set-up with the exception of old Brother Hubbard. It seems that he is very well liked, and while he is of no absolute benefit he does not constitute a menace. Since he wont be much trouble I am inclined to feel that we will be able to improve conditions in Cincinnati.

One of the reasons I think that they are short is that they have paid fifteen ($15.00) dollars for a 'hole-in-the-wall' in an effort to try to maintain a local headquarters, and the Division allocation would hardly permit the expense in addition to the other unnecessary expense that they were carrying, but I believe that we will notice a great change in Cincinnati since I have had them to give that up, and I made arrangements for them to hold their meetings at the YMCA in Room 600, which is a very nice place at a cost of one dollar per meeting, which will cut down the local expense for a place to meet. Now, they have been maintaining this so-called headquarters and never held a meeting only when I was in the city.

I will write you more in detail so soon as I can find the time.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
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August 7, 1942

Mr A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that attached hereto is some matter sent to me from Cincinnati which is self explanatory. Evidently they intended it as a resolution to the Convention. While I've explained or rather have endeavored to explain this matter to them, some of our Porter Lawyers of Cincinnati evidently feel that the Convention should pass on the matter . However due to the form in which it has been drawn up and being as it it is addressed to you I am passing it along.

Everything else is moving along fine and everything looks promising over the zone with the possible exception of Nashville where there seemed to be some difficulty in regard to the proper conduct~~ion~~ of elections. However I think by this time I have the matter straightened out. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Mr. A. Phillips Randolph
President, Brother of Sleeper Car Porters of America
New York City

Dear Sir:

We, the Sleeper Car Porters of America, respectfully request that you present our case before the Inter-State Commerce Commission in regard to our pass rights. Note the paragraph of the Inter-State law on passes that an employee being in the service from five to ten years shall be entitled to a pass from one road to the other for his wife or his dependent children. This is now denied us. Passes are now handled as follows: That if a porter operates on one road on a regular run he is given a pass on this particular road only. This we find very inconvenient. We find some of those are short roads and that a porter must then purchase a ticket at half-rate even in case of illness. Porters who do not operate on a regular run are not given passes irrespective to his years of service but is given a half-rate only. We find that according to a law enacted by Congress it does not intend that any group of employees connected with a Railroad shall be discriminated against on pass rights. We do find however that if wanted at any place on the American soil for service a pass is given us from one road to the other or returning from duty but that said passage is strictly denied us otherwise.

Believing that the matter should be placed before the Inter-State Commerce Commission by our legal department for review, we are

Very respectfully
O D Hebert
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Brotherhood of Sleeper Car Porters

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Dear Sir and Brother:

Permit us again to endeavor to appeal to your better judgement with respect to your consideration of becoming and remaining a member in the greatest Organization you have ever been privileged to belong and suggest that you get in touch with your Division Secretary immediately and don't delay.

I am sure that you, as a worker in this particular Industry appreciate the accomplishments of the Brotherhood and shpuld want to become a part of the Agency that controls your bread and butter, so that we as common men may learn to work together in a common cause for the common good of all.

I need not tell you that slowly, but surely, and most painfully have advanced this small army of Brotherhood men. From the beginning we have been hated by those we wished to rescue, despised by those we were to save and did. We have fought without thanks, labored without applause, suffered without pity, gave up all, sacrificed all, lost all, but truth and self respect.

Poverty was the mother of the Brotherhood, necessity our master, and having emancipated the Porters from Pullman Serfdom, all that we ask is that you help to maintain our gains, so as not to go back and hug your chains. This can be done by your full cooperation in the building of a bigger and better BROTHERHOOD DIVISION in the District where you are employed.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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August 22, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached hereto is a copy of letter I received from the C.P.R. group at Toronto, which is self explanatory.

I might also add that I received from the White House an acknowledgement of the telegram I sent in connection with the F.E.P.C. and they also enclosed with that acknowledgement a statement from the President which was for immediate release for the Press on this matter. The same of which you are no doubt familiar.

Everything else moves promisingly forward, and the Madam asks to be remembered to you and yours.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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P. S. You will also find attached hereto a copy of letter being mailed to the non-members over the zone.
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August 18, 1942
Toronto, Ont.
#6 Seaforth Avenue.

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

The men of this District has ask me to write you to find out what time you will be able to induce Brother Randolph, International President of the Sleeping Car Porters to pay a visit to your City (Toronto) for the purpose of accepting the employes of the C.P.R. membership of an International Organization.

We have formed the Porters Improvement and Social Auxiliary and have a membership of about sixty five percent. Have banked to date $339.50 and are still collecting.

I have made it very plain to the men that they must pay their $15.00 membership fee before they can become a member of the Brotherhood International Organization.

I also understand that Montreal is sixty percent pay members, also Winnipeg eighty percent pay members.

We are having a final drive at the end of this month (Aug. 31, 1942) for membership fees. I would like you to send me membership application blanks. I think I wrote you before on the matter. I would appreciate if possible you furnishing me with near the time you expect to be here and the application blanks.

Expecting an immediate reply. I remain

Yours truly,
/s/ Charles H. Baldwin
#6 Seaforth Ave.

August 26, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1330 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

I got the same letter sent you by Mr. Holt containing his resignation. It will be necessary for you to see that somebody is put in his place. He seems to be a man who is technical on the constitution.

I plan to have a policy conference in Detroit on the March On Washington where we will have delegates from the various divisions of the March On Washington Movement. The purpose of this conference is to formulate policies, draft a constitution, and plan a larger conference at a subsequent date at which a discussion of the march on Washington will be made for the March On Washington Movement. I will let you know when the date is for this conference so that you will arrange for a place for it. It will be small and probably the YMCA will be a good place to hold it. We could use the room the Brotherhood holds its meetings in for that would be large enough.

An Episcopal Church there has requested me to speak for it September 20th and I plan to do so. It may also help in our work to establish a division of the March On Washington Movement in Detroit as it will give us an opportunity to fight for an independent FEPC before the public.

I think that following our convention in St. Louis, we shall have to make the trip to Canada, probably at the end of the A. F. of L. Convention. You could come to Toronto and then we could go on from there to Montreal. Kindly remember me to the Madam and the brothers and sisters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 29, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word thanking you for your recent letter in connection with a Policy-Conference in Detroit, of which I think will be a fine thing, and if there is anything you think I may be able to do other than securing a meeting place at the Y.W.C.A. you can let me know. However, I will see you at the Convention and we can discuss the matter in detail.

Now, we have two Episcopal churches here among Negroes, one on the West Side and one on the East Side. That, too, can be gone into when I see you.

Now, I believe that owing to the existing conditions here in Detroit we should have little difficulty in getting a group of these 'porch-climbers' together for the purpose of cooperating one hundred percent on 'A March-to-Washington' atleast that is in evidence at the present time.

Now, a word in connection with Brother Holt of Nashville with respect to his resignation, it is just another case of one of our Constitutional Lawyer Porters along the line of Redmond of that District, you no doubt, recall our past experience with him.

For the time being I have appointed Geo. P. Phillips, 2807 Torbett Street, as acting President until his successor can be choosen. In other words we only had five eligible Office holders in Nashville, although we have a membership there of about thirty eight, and perhaps with Holt out which is one of the disturbing elements, I believe we can show some progress in the very near future.

One of his pet peeves are, he first wanted me to consent to let the wives vote for the men during the absence of the men, and other little trivial matters that are not worthy of mention, but are always thought of by Constitutional Lawyer Porters.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

September 8, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

It is agreed that a policy conference of the March on Washington Movement will be held in Detroit, September 26th and 27th. It will probably be composed of thirty or forty people. I wish to request you to secure a room for the conference in the YMCA building for those two days and nights. We will pay whatever expenses are involved.

I wish you would also secure two rooms for Web and myself in that hotel where you had me stay when I was there last. I wish also that you would inquire about accommodations for these people at the YMCA and some one at the YWCA, as well as available beds at some of the hotels. Later on, I will let you know just how many will be there.

We will talk about it at greater length when I see you in St. Louis.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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September 23, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to request the time of your arrival at Detroit. Owing to the crowded condition of hotel acommodations it will be necessary for me to pass this information along to the Norwood in time for them to have a suite vacated for you.

For your further information tickets to the banquet are going very fast, and necessary arrangements will have to be made in case any of the delegates to the Conference would like to attend. They are $1.10 each and if you will wire me the number of reservations to secure I will endeavor to arrange with Mrs. Dade, the wife of Father Dade, as she explained that it is necessary to have advanced notice as to the number.

I have secured five rooms at the Touraine, and we will be able to place the remaining Delegates in various homes in Detroit as hotel acommodations and the housing situation is very acute.

You can look forward to a large attendance of the Detroit Citizenry at the Conference.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

September [illegible], 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International V.P.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway, Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Just a word to say that the conference in Detroit was quite a success, a great part of which was due to your preliminary cooperation and planning.

Kindly send me a photograph immediately so that I may have it to release to the press.

I'm going to the A.F. of L. Convention in Toronto and we shall plan to make the trip to Canada after the A. F. of L. Convention, the date of which I will set and let you know.

Kindly remember me to the Madam. Tell her that I had a grand dinner and enjoyed it immensely.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 2, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Brother Coward of Montreal, was in yesterday and stated that the men of the Canadian-Pacific were showing increased interest in coming into the Brotherhood and are putting up their money. I advised him that when Web and myself were in Toronto I would hold some meetings with the men there; then we will come up to Montreal and if they have a majority, we will file application for conference with the Management. It seems as if the men want to get some action by way of calling for a conference with the Management before the next company union election.

I will have to return from Toronto following the A. F. of L. Convention but you and I can plan to go to Montreal about October 27th and remain there for three of four days which will be ample time to reach the men. He says that if we get practically all of the men in Toronto and Montreal, we will have a majority in the Canadian-Pacific.

You can plan your schedule to the end of you and I going to Montreal not later than October 28th.

Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

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International President

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October 3, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to suggest, in connection with your letter of October 2nd, that in notifying the Porter Personnel at Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg to put forth every effort to have atleast a membership fee of the majority of the porters in each of these three Districts deposited to the credit of the Brotherhood when you visit Canada so that all that will be necessary will be for you to file application for a conference with the Management on the one and same trip. No doubt, that accounts for Brother Coward contacting you.

If you could arrange to go from Toronto to Montreal since Webb will be with you, thereby, "killing two birds with one stone," and in the mean time I can be covering the Districts here in the States, starting around the 15th and covering atleast the four Districts mentioned in a previous letter.

We can also arrange to contact some of the leading men in Winnipeg and have them meet you in Montreal with the list of membership so as to better enable you to determine if you have the majority.

Now, I am confident if you can get a fair majority in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg you will have the system tied up because there are very few men, ranging about twenty at the most, in Calgary, and fewer still in Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat and Vancouver.

In addition to the expense, I believe you and Webb could save time since it is just an over night or a day light trip from Toronto to Montreal, and three days after the close of the Convention you can complete the whole thing while in Canada.

In other words, your stay in Canada will not necessitate more than three days longer than what you would have to stay any way.

You might let me know what you think of this, so that I can contact these men in Winnipeg and Montreal by mail immediately.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
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Dear Brother Randolph:

I have this day addressed communication to Brother Baldwin of Toronto and requested that he get in touch with you after he has arranged for one or more meetings to be held in the evening during your stay and furnish you with the evidence as to the number of men who have paid their initiation fee, and ofcourse, furnish you with the money covering same.

I believe you have the approximate number of the porter personnel in Toronto, and when you see Brother Coward you may have him to get the initiation fee from the men in Montreal, or I will write him to that effect.

We have also mailed a letter to Brother Jamerson of Winnipeg, requesting that he arrange to get a trip into Toronto and bring along the initiation fees for all of those who have paid it in Winnipeg. With this information and deposits you will be able to determine if we have the majority of the C. P. R. group into the organization.

I believe I forwarded to you the names and addresses of all the men in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg, and if the deposit of the initiation fees can be turned over to you, and you have a great majority you can write the Management during your stay and most of the ground work will be done in Canada. Then, on our next trip it will only be necessary to try to swell the membership and set up the machinery of that group in the various locals.

Should it develop that we only have a paper organization and the majority have not paid their fee we will, ofcourse, then know what to do.

You can let me know what develops in connection with the Brothers referred to.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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October 10, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Royal York Hotel
Toronto, Ontario
c/o A. F. of L. Convention

Dear Brother Randoph:

Just a word to say that the Executive Board of the "March-on-Washington"unit of Detroit met last night for the purpose of devising some means for a membership drive patterned after the National set-up or in accordance therewith. (block-system)

Now, I would like to know just what part you expect the Brotherhood to play in this matter or what means of control we expect to hold?

One thing I noticed in the last two meetings, that various interests are more interested in putting forth certain interests for what might be termed as personal or certain group selfish interests.

Many of the temporarily elected officers have very definitely stated that they accepted temporary office only to get started and that they will not be able to remain in office, with the possible exception of Reverend White. Mrs. Gragg was succeeded by one of the C. I. O. workers as Vice-chairman. After considerable persuasion we were able to get Mrs. Postles to act as assistant to the Secretary who is also a Ford worker.

The meetings are to be held every second Friday night.

After the next regular meeting, which will be Friday night, October 16th, a letter is to be drafted and forwarded to you upon the recommendation of the local Board to determine the reason why white people cannot be permitted to join the local unit in Detroit.

The usual question was raised last night in board meeting, feeling that the local unit should exercise rights similiar to state rights. After some discussion I was able to persuade them to seek this information before attempting to violate the National principles adopted in the Policy-conference. Hence the basis for this letter you are to receive.

On Friday night at the previous meeting, October 9th, when I got into the meeting I discovered that two white people, man and woman had been accepted in as members in this local unit, and in questioning this matter it was my information that one of the reasons was that not a great deal could be done in a movement of this nature without white people's participation, also, that the two persons were members of your party and Editor of the "Socialist Call" I am giving you this bit of information so that some definite instructions may be sent here in order to get them started off right, because unless this thing is started off right you are going to experience a lot of difficulty.

Reverend White mentioned to me as well as to the other members of the Board that unless white people were accepted in the Movement he could not be of a great deal of assistance, but admitted the need of a March-on-Washington-Movement.

Now, I think this whole idea is based upon the Sojourner Truth or Citizens' Committee, which I also attended yesterday to get a low-down on some of their views. That is one of these so called Inter-Racial Groups, and ofcourse, their program is marching locally on employers for discriminatory practices.

This "March-on-Washington unit here in Detroit has not had sufficient information, or atleast it appears so, as to the policy and program of the March-on-Washington-Movement. In plain unvarnished language a large group of these stiff shirts and so called Negro aristocracy are afraid to develop a movement or participate in one solely controlled for and by Negroes. They use the aged old argument, that having been discriminated against that we should not form any movement that discriminates against others, meaning whites, and it is for that reason that I think some very definite instructions should be sent here in order to get them started, and for my own information to know just what part the Brotherhood should play in this local unit, if any.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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October 15, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to say that plans have been arranged for you and myself to be in Toronto, Canada, October 28, 29, and 30, and then we will leave for Montreal the 31st and spend November 1, 2, 3, holding meetings for the organization of the Canadian-Pacific porters.

I talked with Brother Jackson, who is the moving spirit in Toronto and according to him, over one-hundred men have paid their joining fee. I informed them that they would have to pay twelve dollars ($12) tax but not immediately.

Now, we will have to set them up when we get there and have all of the men who have paid their joining fee placed on the charter by the International Secretary Treasurer Totten. We will have to set up the local also in Montreal. Your suggestion of having the representative from Winnipeg meet us in Toronto is good. I would suggest that you write him to that effect.

Now, we have got to have officers and everything. The elections will be there on the spot so that they may move forward.

Web and myself had quite a time at the A. F. of L.

accommodation. We stopped at the King Edward Hotel, one of the two finest hotels in Canada. I thought however, that we would stop at a cheaper place. Probably the place we stopped before. I'd write Brother Fleming to engage two rooms. This King Edward Hotel is three-fifty ($3.50) a day and you can't have any dinner in there under two-fifty ($2.50) and breakfast is one-fifty ($1.50). In fact, it's for the rich.

I wish you would write Brother Osward in Montreal and ask him to get two rooms in a hotel. We stopped in a private residence before, but I prefer a hotel. Write him now when we will arrive.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 21, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that one of the Toronto C.P.R. men was in to see me the other day and informed me that arrangements were being made for hotel reservations for us, but I did not learn what hotel these reservations were being made, so, I mailed a letter to Brother Flemming and requested that he make reservations at the hotel where we stopped when we were there before together, pending further information on what the C.P.R. group has done.

I am also informed indirectly that arrangements have been made for a meeting at 2:00 P. M. in the afternoon of the 28th and a Mass Meeting that night, and another meeting with the C.P.R. men on the 29th and on the 30th they are to have a dance at which time they expect you to speak again. You, no doubt, can get along without the speech at the dance. I will await your decision on that matter as well as the whole program as I have laarned was in the making.

I understand that they have mailed you a letter of full details and I am trying to get all the information I can onwhat they have outlined for us and I will pass it along to you, provided however, you do not have the information already.

You, no doubt, know that the members of our group got a postponement on that Duncan case, and got it set for the afternoon of the 28th and I guess I will be in there for a couple of hours, since they have made all arrangements for the postponement.

I am not sure if you will leave New York or Chicago for Toronto, but I plan to leave Detroit on Tuesday night, October 27th, arriving Toronto the following morning. I have made reservations for that date and will pick it up as soon as I hear from them. That is the latest I can leave here and be in there in time for the hearing.

I have also mailed a letter to Brother Coward of Montreal requesting that he make hotel reservations at that point, but I have not heard from him as yet.

Reverend Perry's son of Toronto was in to see me yesterday and he was hoping that if we had a Mass Meeting we would have it at his father's church, which is the A.M.E. church of Toronto, but I could not tell him anything definite, because I have not heard from the C.P.R. group on all of the program.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

October 26, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am leaving Tuesday night at 8:15 for Toronto. Will meet you in the station at Toronto Wednesday morning around 8 o'clock. Kindly wait for me in the station. If I arrive before you, I will wait for you.

I understand the meetings have already been arranged and a dance which will also be a public meeting. I have advised Brother Jackson to cut out the exhortatory meeting and also the speaking at the dance, since the same things that would be said there will have been said at the church and the regular meeting of the porters.

I am glad you wrote for them to secure hotel accommodations for us in Montreal. I prefer this to a private home. Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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November 19, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I received a letter from Brother Victor Coward, Secretary-Treasurer of the Montreal Division concerning when the men in the CPR will be required to begin paying their first dues.

I have not written him since I wanted to talk it over with you first. I would suggest in as much as he is our agent and has committed himself with the men, apparently upon statement he received from Brother Totten concerning payment of dues, that we permit the arrangement to proceed as he has indicated it to the men.

After I hear from you, I will write him.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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November 20, 1942

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217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that according to our record there is no C. P. R. man in the Montreal Division who has paid dues more than six months, and that dates from 1939. Therefore, I suggest that you have Brother Coward send in a report of the status of the men so that we may be able to determine what credit, if any, the men should have. In other words we have one man in Montreal who has paid $27.00. All the others are part paid, and at the most six months' dues at $1.50 each, and that dates as is elsewhere stated, 1939.

There is one difficulty that I have with Brother Coward, that is getting his reports in. Now, he has promised to have the report in this week, but up to the present time I have not received it. So, I suggest that you have him send in his report so that we can check and determine how many of these men have actually paid the $15.00, and then from the records in the International Office and this office we can determine if they should be given credit for the dollar and a halves to be applied to advance payments.

I will write you more in detail within the next few days.

One thing that has come to my attention, is that many of the Districts over my Zone seem to be having quite a deal of trouble by some of the members trying to hold P.P.B.of A. meetings in connection with the Brotherhood meetings. A letter from Nashville today informs me that they have had quite a bit of difficulty in suppressing the growing tendency to link the P.P.B. of A. meetings with the Brotherhood meetings.

I had a similiar letter about the P.P.B.ofA. in Louisville. Also here in Detroit one of our members gave a dinner at the Y.W.C.A. supposedly in honor of the retired Pullman Porters. He sold tickets to the Brotherhood men using his enfluence evidently, as a member of the organization, and had the Porter Instructor as the Master of Ceremonies, and all the non-union men in attendance as well, so I am informed.

Something, of necessity, will have to be done about this growing tendency to hook up the P.P.B. of A. in some manner with the Brotherhood.

I have advised this Brother here to either cease his activities and conform to the policies and program of the organization, or he will forever stay out, in fact, I have temporarily suspended him, and intend to put him out unless he reconsiders his actions and agrees to go along as a member of this organization should.

So, it may be well to issue a bulletin in connection with this seemingly sinister movement on foot, if you have any further complaints. I will take care of the situation here, and I plan to write letters to the other Districts that are complaining about this action.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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Second International Vice President
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BS/fw

November 24, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
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Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of November 20th advising that Brother Coward send in his report so that a check can be made to determine how many men have actually paid their $15, and then from the records in the international office we can determine if they should be given credit for the $1.50 to be applied to advance payments. I will write him accordingly.

Your observation concerning the policy of some of the porters to link up the P.P.B. of A. with the Brotherhood is timely. We must put our foot down on this and let them know that we are not going to have it. I will plan a bulletin on this question as you suggest.

Have you arranged for the trip over Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh? I think the dates are as follows:

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| Cleveland | December 10, 11, 12 |
| Cincinnati | December 13, 14, 15 |
| Pittsburgh | December 16, 17, 18 |

In each of the districts, I suggest that you plan to have a meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary as you usually do. I would also urge the men to contact the new men to get them out, since it is all the men we want to get in; also, to get the delinquent men to become financial. You can advise the men in Cleveland that Brother Webster will also participate in the meeting. He will not be able to go to Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh because of the necessity of being in Chicago and going to and fro for FEPC to Washington.

Find enclosed copy of letter I am sending this day to Mr. Brydone-Jack concerning representation by the Brotherhood of the Canadian Pacific Railroad porters.

Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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November 25, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Kindly send to Mrs. Velmer Coward, Secretary-Treasurer of the Montreal Division of the Ladies Auxiliary, a copy of the Constitution of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Everything goes well.

Will see you in Cleveland, December 10th.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Mr. Bennie Smith,
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bro. Smith:

Your letter was received with great pleasure and am very glad you arrived home safely after a pleasant visit with us.

I received a letter, a coyp of the 1938 Convention Proceedings, a copy of the Constitution and Rules and Application blanks from Halena Wilson, our International President and have acknowledged receipt of same. I was greatly interested and enjoyed acquainting myself with said paraphernalia and have passed the copy of the Constitution and Rules on to other menbers of our Auxiliary.

We held a very successful meeting last evening, Wednesday, November 25th, Seven additional ladies joined our Auxiliary, and a great deal of interest and enthusiasm is being shown. Our membership is now twenty nine.

The members were in favor of accepting Mrs. Victoria Brown and Mrs. Elsie Baker into the Auxiliary. We offer our sincere thanks for making this possible.

The following committees were appointed; sick, Entertainment, Educational, and Auditing. A Sentinel and Chaplain were also appointed. The Entertainment Committee is already at work. It is sponsoring a Whist Drive and Dance on December 28th, to raise money for our treasury.

The fee of $5.00 for our Charter was donated by the Royal Club.

All the Sisters of the Local Division join me in sending greetings.

With kindest regards.

Fraternally yours,
/s/ Helen Williams

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November 30, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your communications under date of November 24th and 28th, and may I say that I have received the reports from Brother Coward of Montreal, and in checking same very carefully I do not find that any of the men should be given any advance dues payments.

According to the record we have taken from his reports including the latest report we have forty five paid in full with fifty seven part paid.

I have advised him that communication has been addressed to the Management of the C.P.R., and it will be very necessary for him and his co-workers to put forth every effort to get atleast ninety percent of the membership paid up in Montreal, and I am of the opinion that with this information we will see an increase in the paid up membership in Montreal as well as the other Districts.

In Toronto we have ninety eight men paid in full with forty five part paid, and in Winnipeg we have forty two paid in full with twenty one part paid.

Brother Blanchette informs me that R. L. White, one of the Winnipeg men, who has paid his fee in full has returned to St. Paul, and it is not known if he will return to the C.P.R., and that P. J. Comodore another of the members is no longer in the service, and R. Saunders has been transferred to the Pullman Company, and is operating out of Vancouver. Bro. Blanchette has requested the information as to the disposition to be made with these Brothers, ofcourse, the man who is out of the service, that matter has already been disposed of, and I will inform him that the Brother who has transferred to the Pullman Company may carry his membership into the Brotherhood with the Pullman group, although he will not be able to count him as one of the C.P.R. men. So, that will make atleast three less in Winnipeg than what we expected to be shown on the roster. Ofcourse, the Brother who transferred to the Pullman Company, we must of necessity, permit him to remain a Brotherhood man, and I do not know what other position we could take in that matter. However, I will appreciate your observation.

I appreciate very much the copy of letter and reply to Mrs. West of Toronto. I am inclined to feel that Brother Petgrace was on the verge of creating some little disturbance there among the women about this matter. He was in the office the other day and was telling me about some of the C.N.R. women calling him up and trying to tell him about what is going on in the Auxiliary, but I think I got him straightened out. I told him that anything that the ladies wanted to know in connection with the Ladies' Auxiliary of the C.P.R. in Toronto, they should take the matter up with their President, and he would be serving a great purpose and doing a greater good if he did not encourage them to be bringing him any information about any transaction, but take it up with the Auxiliary. So, I think he will be a little more careful in the future. The only thing is, he hated so bad not to be able to exercise the authority which he feels that he possesses.

I have mailed a letter to Mrs. Jackson instructing her with respect to the C.N.R. ladies in the Auxiliary, advising her that those who are already in to let them remain but it was not advisable to accept any more C.N.R. ladies into the Auxiliary at present other than those who had relatives in the employ of the C.P.R. which would make them eligible, provided however, the C. P. R. porter was in good standing. So, I think Mrs. Jackson will be able to handle the matter okey, and I am of the opinion that this matter will be satisfactory settled to all concerned.

I have notified the local officials in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh as to the time of our arrical and the duration of our stay. I have requested that the meetings all be held in the afternoon with the possible exception of one meeting for the Train Porters in Cincinnati, if they are able to get enough of them together so that we can talk to them as I understand they have some B.& O., L. & N., and C. N. O. Train Porters who operate out of the Division of Cincinnati, and I have ask the Brotherhood men to cooperate in trying to round them up for us. I will also request reservation at the Manse Hotel, and while on the subject, if we are able to contact these Train Porters in Cincinnati I have arranged to be there four days, the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th and Pittsburgh 17th, 18th and 19th. Now, if you feel that three days will suffice for Cincinnati then I can notify both Cincinnati and Pittsburgh about remaining in Cincinnati through the 15th and move up one day for Pittsburgh making it the 16th, 17th and 18th. You can let me know if you think we should stay in Cincinnati the fourth day.

I have requested Brother George Moore to reserve rooms at the YMCA and I will write you just as soon as I hear from him.

Now, if you think it advisable you can cut the one day short in Cincinnati and remain there only three days instead of four as I have instructed them.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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December 2, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York, N1 Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that attached hereto is a copy of letter addressed to the local Secretary Treasurer in Toronto, which is self explanatory.

I have every reason to believe that the Brotherhood will steadily move forward throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland on the 10th of December.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

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P. S.
I have requested a Mr. Edward Smith, a B & O Porter, whose address was given to me, as to contacting as many of the B & O Train Porters as he possibly could who operate out of Cincinnati, informing them of the meeting to be held in their interest on December 16th, but up to the present I have not heard from him.
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We will send you Velma Coward's address as soon as we are able to obtain same.

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(Ontario Section)

TRADE UNION COMMITTEE

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Mr. M. L. Cromwell, Secretary Treasurer
Toronto Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Home Service Association
556 Bathurst St.
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir and Brother:

It has been brought to our attention that you recently organized the above Organization. We take this opportunity of dropping you a line to congratulate your members and welcome you into the Canadian Labor Movement.

We think you have taken a very important step, due to the practice by some employers in Canada of racial discrimination. The only way the minority groups can protect themselves against this is by taking part in all phases of Canadian citizenship and by linking yourselves up with the Trade Union Movement. It gives us all an opportunity to work together and understand each others problems.

If sometimes in the future your Lodge desires we might make arrangements for a suitable date when I will be privileged to talk to your members on the aims and objectives of the Canadian Labor Movement.

Again congratulating your membership on their progressive step, and assuring you of our cooperation in any way that we can be of service. I am

Yours truly,
/s/ Clarence Gillis
Clarence Gillis, M. P.
Cape Breton So.

CG:em

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December 3, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I have just received today a letter from Brother Wells informing me that instead of reserving three rooms at the Phyllis Wheatly, he has reserved rooms for us at the new Y.M.C.A., 76th and Cedar Aves., and it will be at the same place where we will hold the meetings.

I am not so sure that you want to stop at the 'Y' or not because I do not know just what it is like in Cleveland. However, if it seems to be too much trouble to us we can change after we get there, provided however, you haven't already made definite arrangements. In either case I will meet you there on the 10th, and then we can decide.

Brother Wells wants to know if we want any other arrangements other than those for the meetings. I am telling him that all we want is to meet all the porters including those who have been hired this year in meetings assemble and the Ladies' Auxiliary, and he could include the Train Porters if any there be operating in or out of Cleveland. Other than that we do not care to have any public meetings. Provided however, this meets with your approval.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

P. S. I forgot to tell you that Brother Maddox of Cleveland lost his wife last week.

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December 4, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International
President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that attached hereto you will find a copy of letter received from the Winnipeg Ladies' Auxiliary, which is self explanatory, and proves that the group is moving steadily forward.

Will see you in the next few days.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
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Calgary, Alberta.

December 20, 1942

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Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Mich.

My Dear Bro. Smith:

Your very welcome letter of Nov. 30th was duly received and contents carefully noted.

I am very sorry that local conditions here have made it necessary for my delay in complying with all of your requests. However, I have in a way been very successful with the whole set up.

The local was inaugurated here on Dec. 5th by me. At that time there were 20 members paid up in full. five more have been added to that list to date.

There are ten who have paid some with a balance yet to be paid. There are 48 Porters on the District pay-roll. So, as it stands now we have 25 full members, 10 on deposit list making a total of 35 out of a grand total of 48 men. Unfortunately 8 of the 13 non members are senior men in the District.

The following Officers were elected and I administered the oath of Allegiance, E. S. R. Bellamy, President, Roy Williams, First Vice President, Alex Kay, Second Vice President, and P. T. Clay Secretary Treasurer.

There were only 9 members present and it was decided by vote that the Executive Boadr be elected at a later meeting. We are in the midst of our busiest season and the men are not available to hold a meeting and the regular line men who would be available are not with us.

I am using the plan that I discussed with you on our drive around the city of Winnipeg. After careful selecting I have six very good men as Supervisors. They each put up $25.00 a piece in cash. They are as follows, Brother P. T. Clay

Managing Director, Bro. L. C. Hicks, Bro. E. S. Bellamy, Bro. William Medlock, Bro. Robert McClellan and Bro. Alex Kay. We drew up an agreement which each member signed but Bro. Medlock who has been out of town two weeks. I am awaiting his signature after which I will send this document to your office to keep on file.

We procured a two year lease on the premises,we were held up quite a bit clearing away Building violations regards ventilation and heating, just the usual red tape all colored people run into when you are trying to get some where. However, we are now seeing things clear. By Christmas day we expect to have our Club Rooms fully furnished and open for daily use. We are having a Dance here in our assembly Hall New Years' night and we expect a ;arge crowd.

There are two good sized rooms in the front which will be used One for the office of the Sec'y Treasurer the other as Reading & Lounge Room.

I am making plans to set up the Ladies' right after the New Year.

I am putting forth every effort to have a well furnished up to date Club with every comfort. One of those large Wurlitzer Music Boxes was installed yesterday. I feal confident thatthis will do more to bring those doubting Thomases into the Fold than anything else we could do.

I received a letter from Brother Blanchette under date of Dec. 5th stating that he had been advised by you to receive all membership fees, authorization cards and applications. I have had to delay on that request owing to the fact that Bro. Roy Williams has been away on holiday leave and has just returned. I just finished clearing matters up with him yesterday and will forward my complete report to Brother Blanchette in a few days. Bro. Williams was the local representative before I took over.

I have tried to give you a vague idea of how things are progressing at this point. Hope to give you still better one next time I write you.

Hope to have an office assistant and typist after January 1st so you wont have to bother reading my reports in long hand writing.

Say Bennie I am not short on paper, just did not bring enough along with me, had no idea I would write you so much. All for the present.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I am

Fraternally yours,
/s/ Page T. Clay, Sec'y-Treas.

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December 31, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

Kindly arrange to get a room in the hotel where I stopped when there last. I think Burton wants a room too and plans to come over a day or two earlier.

I will arrive the morning of the 3rd. Web plans to come over to but no doubt, he will not be there until our meetings begin on the 4th.

Well, we had a great and constructive trip and it will have great effects for th- bill of the organization.

Kindly remember me to the Madam and the brothers and sisters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 24, 1942

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I have just received a letter from Brother Clay of Calgary, in which he informs me that he will have a report in within a few days with atleast thirty five of the forty eight porters fully paid up.

It was necessary for me to write him in connection with his letter-head, of which you will find a copy attached hereto.

Now, I am confident that Brother Clay is sincere in his efforts, but I am not so sure just what this will lead to, by having his letter heads printed, as you will note, so I have requested of him that his letter-heads should be changed, and that while we had no objections to the housing of the Brotherhood's activities in the Utopia Club, but there is a difference between a Trade-union and a Club, and it might ultimately prove misleading both to the membership and the public.

Mr. Blount of the Great Lakes Insurance Company and President of the Booker T. Washington Trade Association called me the other day to request you speaking at a Trade Union Luncheon during your coming visit in January. I told him that I would see you, but that your calendar was rather crowded. Confidentially speaking, it is that same group of 'porch climbers' that you spoke to when you were here before, and I think it would be better if we could get them out to a March-on-Washington meeting on the 7th wherein you could tell them what you wanted them to know rather than address them assembled at a Negro Business meeting.

It is not necessary to point out here that Negro Business men in Detroit are no different from the Negro Business men we meet elsewhere over the country. All of whom are cowards at heart and want to discuss every phace of business except the business of being real men and fighting for the rights of therace.

You can use your own judgement.

I am contacting the hotel today to secure rooms for yourself, Burton and Web.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With sincere wishes for the Season's greetings. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

P. S. We spent all day Tuesday in the hearing of the Philippino that I was telling you about. I think we will get him back to work.

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December 30, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

We are planning to engage Pauline Meyers as Assistant National Secretary for the March On Washington Movement, full time, to work to build up the May Conference, and of course, create new branches of the Movement.

Now, the National March On Washington Movement hasn't got a quarter but we must pay Miss Meyers immediately, as she will begin January 2nd and therefore request you to contribute ten dollars ($10) a month toward her salary. I've gotten Totten, Pat and Mac to agree to the same thing. I'm going to call upon Bradley, T. D. McNeal, and Hollums also. Then we shall be able to proceed with our program on a national scale in the interest of building up the May Conference.

Kindly let me know about this right away. What is your reaction to the Brotherhood contributing twenty-five dollars a month to help make up the pay of this worker?

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ef

December 30, 1942

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1806 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

I will leave New York, Saturday for Detroit and will wire you the time. I was in Chicago Monday and Tuesday. I spoke at the Chicago Federation of Churches, and the Council for Democratic Action and the Colored Baptist Ministers Conference. All of them were enthusiastic about the March On Washington Movement. You might suggest to Rev. Horace White that he have a March On Washington meeting on Sunday night if you haven't arranged anything for that time. I imagine that all of the Brotherhood meetings will be during the day about 1 o'clock.

Burton plans to come over Friday or Saturday. Web may go to Washington for the FEPC and will not get there until Tuesday.

Everything goes well. Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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CORRESPONDENCE

Smith, Bennie

Jan. 1943
To
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January 6, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1808 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I note your letter of December 28th concerning the suggestion from Mr. Blount of the Great Lakes Insurance Company that I speak to them while I am in Detroit. I wish that you would advise them that all of my time will be taken up with Brotherhood meetings.

I also note the letter from Brother Clay, Secretary-Treasurer of the Calgary Division of the Brotherhood about his People Club. I think you are correct in telling him not to mix up any club with the Brotherhood because it creates confusion. We want the Brotherhood locals separate and distinct from any other organization and I think it is a bad thing for him to attempt to get a stenographer and go into such heavy obligations when he has not got but a handful of men. It is never a good thing to incur more expenses than the income hoping that moneys will come in from other sources to defray it. It is not a good business policy.

Now, Brother Clay is a man of good common sense, and I think you will be able to make him see this.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Nashville, Tennessee
January 5, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
B of S. C. P.

Dear Brother Smith:

Some weeks ago I mentioned to you concerning Dr. Henry A. Boyd mailing to me and other porters copies of the Nashville Globe ect. Since that time he has mailed to all porters a circular letter in interest of the Citizens Saving bank of which he is President. When I had my cash receipt book signed the assistant agent Mr. Hawkins went to the table outside of his office where all these letters were and placed the letter addressed to me in my receipt book. I immediately threw the letter back on the table, stating that I lived at 1612 Jefferson Street and if Dr. Boyd appreciated my patronage he would send my mail to my address 1612 Jefferson Street, he then said that was the damndest attitude he had ever seen, I asked him what he meant b cursing at me, he said it was my attitude. Brother Smith all the time we were talking Mr. Rogers the Agent did not utter a sound, but he has told Henry Pope that he felt hurt on account of my attitude as it was peace that he wanted, yet he allows things to happen that disturb peace. I don't want to be insulted and tormented by something that has no connection with the job whatever.

Summary:

1. Dr. Boyd paper fought us when we were trying to organize his being bought by the Pullman Company.
2. Now the porters have won recognition and increased pay Dr. Boyd sees fit to try to gain our patronage for his bank and newspaper. I told the Pullman agent when the first issue was sent % Pullman Co. that I did not want the one sent me, giving the reason why, thus leaving them on the table. I wanted to boycot his paper and bank at our last meeting but was asked not to do so. Advise soon.

Fraternally, Wm. Royster

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January 7,1943.

Mr.A.Philip Randolph.
International President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
4231-S.Michigan Avenue,
Chicago ILL.

Dear Brother Randolph;

Just a word to say that the inclosed is self explanatory and I am of the opinion that I should write Vroman or the Agent at Nashville pointing out that the Management is permitting some of the assistant agents to act as salesmen or use there influence to get business for certatain business firms,may I have your opion on this matter.

I am writing this letter myself and in as much as I have NOT used the type writer for some time you will have to look over mistakes.(Smile).

Fraternally yours.

Bennie Smith
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January 13, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that under this cover you will find a letter addressed to you here. I held it a couple of days pending your return to Chicago.

I received a letter from Vancouver informing me that the local Superintendent at that point had inquired of the men and requested a written statement as to why they did not want to vote for a Welfare Committee. The Vancouver Porters took the position that it was not worth answering and have made no reply nor do they intend to make one until they shall have heard from the Brotherhood. I congratulated them upon their position and told them should the question arise again to tell the District Superintendent that any information he desires with respest to representation of the C. P. R. Porters, that they were confident that he could get it by writing to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, addressing his communication either to you or myself. So, I don't feel that they will have any more questions like that coming up before them. It is only a mild intimidation, but so far as the great majority of the porters in Canada are concerned I have reasons to believe they have more back bone than some of our men did on this side in the early days. However, you might drop Brother Collins a line if you so desire in support of what I have written him.

Everything else moves promisingly forward over the Zone, but I feel that towards the latter part of this month or the first of February I should run down to Indianapolis, Columbus and Louisville to kind of spur them up a little, provided however, I do not see some change in the reports within the next few days.

A March on Washington meeting is planned for about the 22nd, of the Detroit Unit. I am going to get in touch with Rev. White today and will write you later.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you, and here is hoping you had a very enjoyable trip to Denver and a safe return.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

P. S. I am in receipt of information from Nashville informing me that the Agent explained that he understood that the Labor Board would not handle any other "spotter" cases, but it was his understanding that you and Brother Webster had agreed with the Management to have porters sign for these "Spotter"cases as being reinstructed, in as much as the Management would not hold it against them. So, I will appreciate the information so as to advise the Nashville Division as well as the other Divisions who have brought this matter to my attention, if the men are supposed to sign for reinstructions on "spotter" cases instead of requesting a hearing to determine the facts.

B.S.
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Smith

January 20, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copies of letters which are self explanatory. We are getting somewhere on this matter. If I hear from these people before you get back from Toronto, I will wire you so that you can go on to Montreal for conference on representation.

I would have a good talk with all the brothers before you decide on what action you are going to take. In fact, you can plan to make your decision after you return to Detroit. This may be the better procedure.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Smith

January 11, 1946

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1808 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

In reference to the question of visiting Indianapolis and Columbus I would suggest that you and I plan to visit Indianapolis the 16th and 17th of February and the 19th, 20th, and 21st in Columbus. I'm scheduled to speak in Columbus on the 21st so that we may "kill two birds with one stone." Let me know if these dates are agreeable to you.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ef

January [illegible], 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

I wrote you about our visiting Indianapolis and Columbus. I want to change the itinerary so that we may be in Indianapolis Sunday, February 7, 8, 9th.

Then you may return to Detroit and we can be in Columbus February 21, 22, 23. I wish you would make note of this so we can plan it accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 22, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I appreciate immensely the information in connection with the progress being made with the C. P. R.

On Wednesday night, January 20th, C. B. Smith, the Genral Manager of the Western Division left Toronto with considerable baggage for Montreal, and it was generally assumned by some of the 'knows' that the trip must be in connection with representation.

Now, a word in connection with my mission to Toronto. We had the largest attendance of the C. P. R. I believe that we have ever had. That, ofcourse, is traceable to the fact that they expected some scandal. I discovered that there was a breach within the ranks, and that applied especially to the Grievance Committee, that consists of Petgrave, Jackson and Bolden. All of this is due to tales carried from one to the other by some of the members. In short it was 'John said that Bill told him', and after sensing the situation and gathering all the information possible I explained to the body as a whole that the present position of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was that we believed that every member understood the assumption of presumption of innocence until proven guilty, and in view of the fact that the Management had not yet rendered a decision in connection with Brother Petgrave that we must presume he is innocent until such time that a decision is reached, after which we have all the necessary machinery to adjudicate the matter as the occasion may warrant, and under no consideration were we to attempt to prejudge. I pointed out that the very fact that I had found petitions being circulated for and against Brother Petgrave which was completely out of order and it mattered little difference as to the petitions being circulated to retain him in office and those being circulated to oust him from office could have only one end which was to create confusion, disunity and ultimate chaos, and the primary object of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was to establish recognition for all the porters in the C, P. R. and proceed with the business of securing for them rules governing working conditions and if possible an increase in wages, and that could only be done wherein there was unity of purpose, aims and object, and they must cut out this back-fence gossip and creating confusion within the ranks. In short I gave them an unusually good spanking and from the expressions made thereafter they took it in good faith and felt that the spanking dealt out was well deserved.

In the examination of the whole situation I found that practically everything that caused this breach between the various Committees and the membership was based on false rumors.

They have all shook hands and promised to work shoulder to shoulder and squash all rumors, if they arise, regardless from the source and keep the International informed as to developments, in addition to looking to them for counsel and guidance.

Brother Petgrave got up in the meeting after I had finished and said that he was astounded at the position the Brotherhood had taken in connection with his affair. He stated that it was upon rumors that he felt some drastic actions were going to be taken because of his actions, and that he had more fear of what I was going to do to him than he did of the outcome of his case. So, that gives you some idea as to what rumors will do. They all felt that I was going to unseat him, and both sides were disarmed when they learned of the position that the Brotherhood had taken. Each and every one including Brother Jackson agreed that, that was the rightful position to take under the circumstances. So, if you can take their word and the expressions made inthe meeting assemble I am confident that they will work in greater unity than ever before, because they needed just exactly what they got, and all of these rumors are based on nothing but suspicion and petty jealousy, and in my opinion none are wholly faultless, and I feel that they now see the way in which they should go. However, this will depend upon time alone, if am correct in my conclusion.

On Thursday night I had a meeting with the Pullman group. It was twenty eight below zero and a blinding storm and the hall was cold. In fact, I haven't got warm yet and at no time during my stay in Toronto was I warm, and I am telling you that had it been me in their stead I don't believe I would have come out on a night like that to hear Winston Churchill, but it does show the spirit of the Candaian group, by facing the bitter cold to get a message from the Brotherhood. They also promised to rededicate their souls and minds to the unfinished task of bringing in every non-member and new man possible in the Toronto Division. They were very enthusiastic. After the meeting some wanted to go out and shoot every body that did not belong, but I advised that they use the persuasive method, because they were not going to kill them any how.

Depending upon developments with the C. P. R. matter the Indianapolis and Columbus dates are agreeable with me for our visit.

No action has been taken on the part of the Management, as you have noticed elsewhere in this letter, with respect to Petgrave, and under another cover I will send you a statement that was turned in, and the consensus of opinion there now is, that he may get some demerit marks but it is not thought that the extreme penalty will be dealt out, and during my stay there I have reason to believe that the C. P. is not quite as technical as the Pullman Company in dealing with this class of employes. That, too, will have to wait developments to be verified.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

January [illegible], [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Relative to the Spotters matter, may I say that we talked with Mr. Champ Carry about porters not signing for the instruction but the management would not agree for the porters not to sign. He wanted the Brotherhood to agree for the porters to sign but we did not make any such agreement with them.

However, the policy of the Brotherhood will be for them to sign until we can find another case of [illegible] to carry to the National Mediation Board. When a porter signs he should [illegible] down that it is under protest. I think we may be able to knock out this requirement of the Pullman Company for porters to sign since we got this decision from the National Railroad Adjustment Board on the Spotters case.

You should make it known to the porters that we have no agreement with the company for porters to sign for these Spotters reports.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

January 29, [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

May I advise that you have each local division of your [illegible] [illegible] roster of [illegible] attendants, maids, bus boys, [illegible] and porters posted as of January 1st, [illegible] [illegible] a copy for our records in the International [illegible].

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

Smith

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January 27, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to acknowledge receipt of the matter from Indianapolis, and may I say that I have also received a lot of unusually lengthy statements from that group including some comments from the acting Local President, Dickerson.

It might interest you to know that only one man in the whole group who is involved in this trouble is a member of the Brotherhood, in the person of C. J. Gaddie, and he was unfinancial up until about ten days before he got into this trouble.

I have made every effort to get the acting President to send me the names and addresses of the new porters hired in Indianapolis, but he does everything but the things he should do. However, I will look into the matter and I have notified the membership that we will be there on February 7, 8 and 9, and have ask that they arrange for meetings for the 8th and 9th, and contact all the new men and if possible send me the addresses.

I do not suppose that you will want to have a meeting on Sunday, the 7th, with our group.

If this meets with your approval I will proceed to notify them from this office prior to our arrival.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

P. S. I have just received a letter this afternoon informing me that Brother Petgrave at Toronto has been notified to report to work, andthe only penalty so far as I have been able to learn is that he cannot operate, atleast for the present, on his line to Detroit.

This suits him okey, as he has reason to believe that when everything is settled between the Brotherhood and the C. P. R. Management his right to a line will be taken care of, and as for myself I am, indeed,proud of the decision, because regardless to what line he can operate on, and according to my information that is any that his senority will call for except the one to Detroit, is far better than I expected and as I have previously mentioned to you, I cannot help but believe that the C. P. R. will never be as ruthless as this Pullman Company.

B.S.
BS

January 28, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to advise that I hope you will plan to be in Indianapolis February 7, 8, and 9. I am speaking there on the 7th, Sunday afternoon for the YMCA Forum. You might plan to have the porters hold their meeting the evening of February 8th, and the afternoon of February 9th. Then you can return to Detroit and you and I can make a visit to Columbus February 21, 22 and 23 since I will be there to speak February 21st, and arrange for meetings on the 22nd and 23rd. Perhaps we could hold a little get together in one of the porter's home on the evening of the 21st since I will speak in the afternoon.

Kindly send Totten the cost of the railroad fare from Detroit to Indianapolis and back and he will send you carfare and maintenance, and I will see you February 7th.

I note your comments on your trip to Toronto in connection with the difficulties of the local and with the CPR men. I think your decision not to take Brother Petgrave out was wise. I am glad to know that you don't expect him to be fired. It is splendid that you held a meeting with the Pullman porters while there, and it is fine that you gave the CPR group a fine spanking.

I I think we will be getting into the question of the representation of the CPR porters within the next week or so.

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

January 28, 1943

I know that the weather must be very cold up there. Web is here in New York. We were in Washington Sunday for a meeting there on the cancellation of the railroad hearings. It was big and enthusiastic. I think we will get some where with the fight.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ee

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January 28, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

In keeping with your request I have advised each of the Divisions to forward to both this and the International Office a copy of the seniority roster.

I have made previous requests for the rosters to be sent to this office posted as of January 1, 1943, but up to the present only Nashville, Cleveland and the Agent at Indianapolis have forwarded them, however, I will continue to try and secure them, and as soon as possible forward them along with the addresses.

I will send a mailing list from Detroit to the Black Worker within the next few days of the entire membership, and I am attaching hereto a copy of the Detroit roster.

A few days ago I wrote the Local Officers of Canada informing them that the Brotherhood had received a letter from Mr. McKeown, and in view of the contents, the day was not far distance when we would proceed with a view of establishing recognition, and of necessity, they should put forth every effort to bring every man into the Organization and by all means secure authorization cards from every porter in the employ of the C. P. R. Today I had a letter from Brother Jones of Montreal telling me of a conversation with Mr. McKeown on Wednesday morning, January 20th. He said Mr. McKeown pretended he wanted to talk with him about his run, and ask him how the Union was getting along, he told him that so far as he knew the men were all in the Union, and that they had appointed him as President of the Montreal District. Mr. McKeown replied that, that was very good, then ask him if the Company could show another representative body, it would bother the Brotherhood, he told Mr. McKeown that was a matter exclusively in the hands of the Company, and he would not venture to discuss that. Mr. McKeown, then ask, what about the Welfare Committee that consists of Russell, Huggins and yourself, he told Mr. McKeown that he did not know such a thing as a Welfare Committee existed. Mr. McKeown then laughed, according to Brother Jones, and he says that while he is confident that these were just 'feeler questions' to determine the views of the Welfare Committee was one of the reasons that he did not hesitate to talk very plain to Mr. McKeown.

He also informs me that in the meeting, of which there were thirty in attendance, the news both of the contents of the letter that the Brotherhood had received and the information he imparted in connection with his conversation with Mr. McKeown was received very enthusiastically, and the men were now all on their toes and one hundred percent behind the Union, and he was praying daily that the day would come when he could express himself freely to his own people as you have done. Ofcourse, knowing Brother Jones as you do, it is not necessary for further comment other than to say that I am confident that new life has been injected into the men throughout Canada.

Brother Collins has established a Ladies' Auxiliary in Vancouver.

Every effort to contact and bring into the fold all the newly hired men throughout my zone. I am confident that I will be able to muster sufficient cooperation with some of the key men in the various Districts to accomplish this.

I have been appointed on the Local Rationing Board here in Detroit. They are holding their first meeting tomorrow. I do not see how I can be able to find the time to serve on the Board. It is a lot of free service and with the full time job that I have and the task before us I feel that I will resign.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

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February 2, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am in receipt of your recent communication in connection with our trip to Indianapolis and I am sending out notices for meetings in the afternoon of February 8th and 9th at the YMCA.

I have under another cover requested transportation and maintenance from Brother Totten.

Attached hereto you will find the seniority roster of the Cincinnati Division.

I have been trying to locate the card of the young school teacher who invited us to stop with she and her father on our visit to Indianapolis, but I have misplaced it, and I am unable to remember her name and address. However, I will meet you at the YMCA Sunday Morning.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

February [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible] Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Find enclosed [illegible] copies of chart to be made out by the regular men on the Canadian Pacific Railway. I am sending [illegible] copies to each of Canadian divisions with instructions to the secretary-treasurers to have the men fill them out and return them to us.

We need this data for use in the negotiation of the agreement when we come to the question of discussing a basic month.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:mo

February 5, [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
[illegible] Broadway,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Brother:

Find enclosed copies of letters which are self explanatory.

We are steadily making headway on securing recognition from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President.

[illegible]

February 8, [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory from Brother B. I. Petgrave, President, Toronto Division, C. P. R. of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Since you were recently there and got them straightened out, I am just writing him a nominal letter advising that you will handle all of these problems from time to time since you are more familiar with them than I am. There seems to be conflict between Brother Petgrave and Brother Jackson, but I think the spanking you gave them while you were there will no doubt get them into a better frame of mind toward each other.

I think I would advise Brother Jackson not to give the Ladies Auxiliary any advice since that is the job of the President who is the Counsellor of the Ladies Auxiliary. No doubt some trouble has arisen because Brother Jackson's wife is the President of the Ladies Auxiliary and she would naturally seek advice from her husband, Brother Jackson, Vice-President of the Brotherhood Division. But there is nothing fundamentally wrong, as I see it.

You will also note copy of letter that I have written Brother Petgrave.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:[illegible]

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February 13, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that at three o'clock in the afternoon of February 11, Soucie, the Agent at Indianapolis mailed out special registered notices to the five men involved, postponing the case until February 18 and 19, making it necessary for me to return to Detroit without hearing the cases.

I am inclined to feel that he discovered that I was there, is the reason for the sudden postponement. However, there was nothing that we could do about it as he gave me the excuse that the reason for the postponement was due to the fact that the Company had a case in Milwaukee set for the same day, and could not have a man to send to Indianapolis to hear the case. So I think it advisable that I leave here Wednesday night for Indianapolis to sit in on the cases Thursday and Friday, and instead of returning to Detroit continue on to Columbus and meet you there Sunday, February 21. So you can wire me your reactions. Also advise either Detroit or Indianapolis as to the reservations at Columbus.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

I have sent a letter to Toronto in connection with that matter, and explained that things were progressing favorably with respect to establishing recognition.

Will go into the matter more in detail when I see you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

Chief it is going to be necessary for me to Compromise on the latter figure with respect to the girl due to the Keen competition at the present time what do ya think about it 25. per.

[illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
[illegible] Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
[illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Kindly remember me to the Brothers.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ee

February 18, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

These new porters fail to join the Brotherhood and then they get into trouble rant about what the Brotherhood does not do for them, as though the Brotherhood had any obligation to them.

Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APRgms

Smith

February 27, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

Please find enclosed two (2) checks for the amounts of Sixty Three Dollars ($63.00) and One Hundred Six Dollars and Forty Cents ($106.40) for maintenance and salary, respectively.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:fw
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February 27, 1943

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. J. C. Soucie, Agent
Pullman Company
Room 306, Union Station
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

This being the tenth day since the close of hearings in the case of Porters Kimmons, Pierce, Davis, Armstead and Gaddie of the Indianapolis Agency, and up to the present I have not received the transcript of hearing of the aforementioned for my signature as evidence that the transcript has been jointly attested to, as is provided in the rules of the Agreement, this is to request the information as to when I may expect same.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

COPY

Indianapolis, Indiana
March 1, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

I have received your letter of February 27th concerning the transcript of hearings which were held here several days ago. It will be necessary to request an extension of time on the rendering of decision in this case since the lady who was employed to make a record of the proceedings has not yet been able to complete heretranscript due to other business, the holidays, etc.

We have already contacted her and she has promised to get them to us at the earliest possible moment.

Yours truly,

/s/ J. C. Soucie
Agent

COPY

March 1, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Please accept my resignation, effective as of Saturday, March 6, 1943.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. M. Westbrooks.

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March 1, 1943

Mr. Ashley L. Totten, International
Secretary Treasurer
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Totten:

Just a word to say that I have had several requests with respect to punches, charters and seals for the C.P.R. Divisions for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and up to the present I have not noticed any deposits of the additional ten ($10.00) dollars for same. However, if they have deposited the ten ($10.00) dollars for the charters that will be another story, but if they have not, I will appreciate the information, so that I may be able to tell them that the charters and other necessary paraphernalia requires an additional ten ($10.00) dollars deposited for same over and above what the dues and initiation fees call for.

Sometimes ago I explained to them that owing to priorities on steel in this country there would be some delay in furnishing them with a seal. So, if you will enlighten me I will be glad to give those men the necessary information.

Everything else moves promisingly forward over the zone and I will keep in touch with you.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Totten, with kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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March 2, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that since my return I have contacted the NYA man of Detroit, in the person of Mr. Leonard Troutman, 11408 Grand Haven Avenue, who has promised to furnish me with the names and addresses of key men throughout the state this week. He also promised to stop in the office tomorrow or Thursday for a little chat. Taking his word he is quite an admirer of you, and pledged his support in any way that he can in connection with any movement headed by you. So soon as I receive those names and addresses I will forward same to you.

For your further information the Montreal Division of the C.P.R. is steadily moving forward. For the month of February they collected $422.00 including twelve new members. In fact the Canadian Divisiona are hitting on all fours.

Mrs. Westbrooks, my slerk extender her resignation today, to take effect March 6, 1943. I am looking for another girl that may prove suitable to take her place after I am able to break her in.

I found it necessary to write the Pullman Company at Indianapolis in connection with the transcript after a ten day delay in sending it to me. Until the present I have had no reply. We had a public stenographer, and I intend to bear down on those babies regardless. Perhaps, they don't like some of the contents contained in the transcript, but you will be kept informed of all developments.

At Columbus on Tuesday the attendance of both men and women were about the same as on Monday when you were there. Apparently, they are most enthusiastic and the ladies decided to set up the Auxiliary immediately.

I have also been able to get all the addresses and names of the new men hired at Columbus, and we have mailed to each a letter urging their membership into the Organization. Those letters will be followed up weekly and the local Committee at Columbus informs me that they are making progress toward that end.

I was unable to prevail upon my clerk to remain longer.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/fw

Smith

March 23, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 17th with list of key people in Michigan which was sent to you by Mr. Troutman of NYA. This is just the thing we want.

Kindly let me know about your and my going to Knoxville from Nashville. We will be in Nashville April 25, 26, 27 and we could go to Knoxville the 28th and 29th if you thought that advisable.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ee

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March 4, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say you will find attached hereto the seniority rosters for Montreal, Pullman, Chattanooga, Louisville and Columbus.

You, no doubt, by this time are in possession of my clerk's resignation. I have been busy all the week looking for another girl, up to the present I have not been able to locate one even for the same price. However, I will continue to look about and it may be that I will have to take a girl, if I can find one, from some of these Negro Business Schools, and ofcourse, in that case it will take six months or a year to break her in to do our work, in as much as they are schooled in Negro methods of busniess.

I have not been able as yet to get in touch with Carter, who is holding that eighteen ($18.00) dollars that was collected on January 5, to be forwarded to New York, however, I am today sending him a registered letter, so perhaps I will get some results.

Leonard Troutman, the man I mentioned, has not yet furnished me that information. However, I still have hopes that I will get it, and if not, Attorney Bledsoe has given me the name of Edward Swann, who he believes to be the Regional Director of the NYA covering Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. I shall endeavor to make that contact also, just in case.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
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BS/fw

Enclosures

March 11, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
1508 Broadway, Room 206,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Bennie:

Thanks a lot for your letter of March 2nd. I am glad you are getting the names and addresses of the key men in Michigan from Mr. Leonard Troutman. This will help out for the March On Washington Movement's May Convention immensely.

I am glad to know the consistent progress of the Toronto Division of C.P.R.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Westbrooks left, but I hope you will be able to get someone else.

I note correspondence between you and the Pullman Management at Indianapolis, concerning the case of Porters Kimmons, Pierce, Davis, Armstead and Gaddie. I think it shows that you made out a good case for the men.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President.

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March 11, 1943

A. Philip Randolph
International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached here too you will find copies of letters from Brother Hudson, Clay and Best of Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, which are self explanatory. I am writing Brother Hudson and Clay today and as for Best I think he is most fortunate in view of the fact that he called or rather reminded this lady couch passenger that she was the same kind of skunk that she had called him (laugh). When this matter was brought to my attention I advised him the best I could in view of the circumstances.

Now this Winnipeg and Calgary matter of necessity must be delt with in plain unvarnished language, otherwise it may develope to the extent that it will require more drastic actions, hence my reson.

I got in touch with Carter yesterday, who has been holding up the ($18,00) eighteen dollars collected from the M. O. W. meeting, Jan. 5,43 and he promised to have it in the office by Tuesday Jan, 16. I will then forward it to New York. Kindly send me name and address of Lady in charge or perhaps it will be better to just send a money order to Mack.

We are handicaped at present but everthing will work our O.K. I am confident.

The Madam asked to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph. With kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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#1, 198 Euclid Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
March 9, 1943

Bennis Smith, Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

May I thank you for my appointment to the Greivance commitee and assure you that I will give my best while I serve.

I take this opportunity to attempt an explanation of the confusion and continued reference to the International that exists in our division and its auxiliary. This condition, I realize, must be very discomforting and preplexing to you and the International, particularly because you expected so much of us. May I say that confidence was not misplaced and you will find us all that you and Brother Randolph expected.

We are a new local and for the first time a good many of us are taking an active part in an organization others of us have become rusty on Parliamentary procedure, etc. This, along with, I regret to say a display of petty jealousies that you will understand, has caused this condition. I will explain a few of them.

The petty jealousies, to which I referred, arose in the Ladies Auxiliary. It was woman like and had it stayed in the Ladies Auxiliary it would have erased itself in due course. Unfortunately, it was taken home to the Brothers who in turn brought it to the meetings of the Local Division. All very well had we confined ourselves to a few recommendations to the ladies, but the petty jealousies that lay behind these moves caused many points of order to be ignored and brought about interpretations of the Constitution that I do not believe were intended. Hence, the many appeals to the International. For the good of the cause I will not outline personal instances nor will I say that they did not include myself.

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I relate all this to you because you are our zone Supervisor and to show you the urgency of a discontinuance of such pettishmess which is only hindering our progress to wards our main objective: Recognition by the Company and the bringing about of better working conditions.

As a solution I recommend that each member receive his copy of the Constitution with any other by-laws, as quickly as possible; that an outline of the local president's and other officers' power and authority, stressing the limits therof, accompany them.

Our relationship to the Ladies Auxiliary is a sore spot. Some of our members are of the opinion that Article Twenty-seven of our Constitution gives us the power to dictate to our Auxiliary. This was my interpretation: "Article Twenty-seven of the Constitution applies to the International and our jurisdiction and authority for the Ladies Auxiliary or any other question, shall be that appointed by the International President, as outlined in the Constitution under Rules and Regulations for Local Division". It was not a very popular interpretation. Another Article which has caused dissension is Article Twenty-Seven of the Ladies Auxiliary. I interpret this Article to apply only to the International organization and not the locals, although I see no reason why if the men and women are agreed, they cannot have the same offices. Another dobious point was the fact that letters to the International for the Brotherhood local are being composed and authorized out of assembly. Such was the letter to you, I believe, recommending the appointment of Q. T. Turner as Counselor. This was not the will of the body, but the President interpreted it as within his power to approve such a letter out of assembly, Had the recommendation been sent or any letter for that matter, as a personal one, my view-point would be different. If I am wrong I would appreciate your correction.

You see, Brother Smith, instructions on the Constitution and unwritten work and duties of membership are imperative. If I am wrong, then they are none the less urgently needed so that I and whatever influence I have, may be corrected

Will you kindly answer by return mail, if Possible?

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Richard Hudson, Jr.
First Vice-President, Wpg. Division
Brotherhoos of Sleeping Car Porters.

P. S.
This is a personal letter and airs my views and opinions only.

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429A 8th Avenue, East
Calgary Alberta.
March 9, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd Vice-President
B. S. C. P.
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

I am very sorry that conditions is general have reached the point that it is almost imperative that you arrange to come to Calgary to straighten out the situation here.

There is a hostile condition created by disinterested parties that is about to disrupt the whole structure. I have did everything in my power to try to settle the difficulty but I feel that your presence will be the only means by which the situation can be satisfactorily settled. Everything has been done by the sponsors to provide quarters that should meet with the unamious approval of all the brothers, but these rumors have gotten the upper hand and we are at a loss as to what means we can use to save the situation. As far as the sponsors are concerned they have put their money in willingly and have no intention of quitting, but it is very hard for them to contunue under constant criticism which is not warranted.

Our books are kept up to date, having taken the precaution to procure receipts and bills-of-sale for every nickle that has been spent. We do not feel that we are guilty of doing anything that would not meet with your approval. The financial report that I submitted to Brother Totten wasn't very commendable because over half of the brothers have failed to pay even the first month's dues. Yet, still they have most of their interest centered in how the Club is being run.

In my talk with you in Winnipeg, I outlined to you just how I would conduct the affairs of the Brotherhood here in Calgary. I have lived up to every letter of my statement to you and have had the full cooperation of the men associated with me. However, rumors from outside sources that are endeavouring to break up our organization so far are succeeding in doing so. Your presence here as I see it, will be the only means whereby the Union can be saved. I have laid off since the 2nd of last month trying to get the organization moving in the right direction and get the cooperation of all the brothers to stand one hundred per cent behind the brotherhood. I have reached the point where I can not afford to sacrifice any more of my time and in returning to work I can see no encouraging signs that will save the Brotherhood.

If you seem it necessary for me to write more fully concerning the trouble here which is a plenty, I will endeabour to do so, but I will state further that nothing will save the situation here but your immediate presence.

Hoping tohere from you at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
Signed— P. T. Clay Secretary-Treasurer

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March 3, 1943
Edgar A. Best
431 E. Georgia St.
Vancouver B. C.

Dear Mr. Smith, Brother:

I am indeed greatfull to you for the arrival of your letter dated of the 17 of the pass month, and am glad to inform you that they have not been anything said to me by the Superentendent since the last day of January. When I explained to him what I was about the case, and I gave him a seven days notice that I would remain in town and have the matter brought upiin court. So he refused to give me any time off, and told me he was going to take this in hand . And there I told him if you are going to do somthing do it quickly. Because I intended to take all legal steps against this woman. So they have not been anything more said to me about since. So they have not Penilized me on that. I am watching carfully and if they should do anything I will proceed to get Mr. Burnstines to give me a statement. So this is all for now.

Truly thankfull for corperation at best.

Fraternally yours,

Signed.....Mr. Edger A. Best

March 12, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
1808 Broadway, Room 305,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Bennie:

In reply to your letter of March 1st, may I say that the seals for the Canada locals will be hard to get because steel is being used for war purposes.

I don't know whether the locals have sent in their $10.00 yet for the charters but no doubt they will. They want all the names put on the charters in Winnipeg and I have asked Totten to do this. I think you and I will have to go to Canada sometime in April.

Find enclosed letters from the Canadian Pacific and my reply.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President.

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March 16, 1943

A. Philip Randolph
International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say, I was able at last to contact Earl Carter and obtain from him the($18.50) eighteen dollars and fifty cents collected January 5, 1943 at the Y. W. during your visit. Attached hereto is a money order the same.

Thanks for the inclosures in connection with the C. P. R. matter. Know doubt we will be going up there soon. Will write you more in detail later.

The madam ask to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph. Kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attacted hereto you will find a copy of matter mentioned in a previous letter which is self explanatory.

I note the Pullman Company has canceled contract in shop, Michigan City Indiana

Kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

**Chief you might check over the attached list and let me have your observations also instructions if in your judgement personal contact will be of an advantage, if so the nature of same.**

B.S.

March 22, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am going to be in Nashville Sunday, April 25th. I want you to plan to be there so that we can hold Brotherhood meetings on the 26th and 27th at 1 o'clock daily. I wish you would write them and advise them to that effect.

You may arrange to have one meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary and the meetings at 1 o'clock may be joint with women and men.

Kindly let me know if we should hold a couple of meetings in Knoxville, Tennessee. If so, we will plan to hold two. It is not very far from Nashville and is on a direct line.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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March 25, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to thank you for yours of the 22 with copy of inclusure to the new men hired in Nashville it will serve a fine purpose in view of eur intended visit.

I am writing Brother Royter today with a view of arranging joint-meetings, April 26-27 and requesting that notices be mailed to each and every porter in the district, regardless.

With Kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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March 26, 1943

Mr. A.Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say it looks as though we will be in Canada, in the near future on the matter of representation. I felt the president of the C.P.R. was only fighting a delaying action.

Yes we can plan a trip to Knoxville since we will be in that section. Will write you more in detail later.

With kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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April 2, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I shall look forward to seeing you in Nasville on April 25th and we will hold meetings with the porters the 26 and 27th, and you might arrange a meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary for the afternoon or evening of April 26th. Web plans a series of meetings in Chicago for April 28, 29 and 30th. I, therefore, would suggest that we postpone going to Knoxville from Nashville and you and I can return to Chicago for the 28th to participate in the meeting since Web wants to plan quite a big rally.

I expect that we will have to be going to Montreal on the question of representation since I have requested the C.P.R. management to set the date for the conference.

I will be in Cleveland April 9, 10 and 11th. I am speaking there on the 11th at the Forum of St. James Church. I will request Brother Wells to hold a meeting of the porters on the afternoon of the 9th. I had plans to go to St. Louis for a public meeting but the date had to be changed so I have an extra day on my hands in Cleveland but I shall only hold one meeting there with the men. I don't suppose it is necessary for you to come over since you got your hands full and need to remain at headquarters.

Everything moves promisingly forward. Kindly remember me to the madame.

Fraternally yours,

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A. Philip Randolph

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April 2, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word in appreciation of the latest communication between yourself and C.P.R. Rail Road Company, and May I say I received a letter from Brother V. I. Petgrave of Toronto, informing me that after receiving your letter he had called a special meeting and that the men were greatly enthused because of the progress made.

I understand that we can get to Knoxville Via. T.C. R.R. and the milage is about 217 miles.

Attached find copies of communication on Indianapolis cases. I have filed appeal, this day.

Every thing else moves promisingly forward with the possible exceptions of a minor Winnipeg matter between the Auxiliary and the Division, and that will be adjusted in due time.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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April 5, 1945

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks for your letter of April 2nd with information concerning letter from Brother Petgrave and the enthusiasm of the Toronto Division. He wrote me a very encouraging letter also.

I know that you will get the Winnipeg situation straightened out.

Since we will go to Chicago April 28th for meetings with Web, we won't go to Knoxville.

I note letters to Pullman Agent Soucie. I think you will win the case all right. Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:es

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April 6th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph.
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217-West 125th,Street
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I shall plan to meet you in Nashville April 25th,I have mailed a letter to the President and Local Sec'y treas,of Nashville requesting that they arrange meetings for the 26th and 27, if they so desired the meetings could be a joint meetings,Brother Royster, wfote me that he planed sending out notices shortly.

I have arranged to secure the services of a more experienced girl who will start work next week,the best I could do was ($22.00) per, but I realy need some one who can do the work and take care of the business when I am out of the city,it is difficult to get a responsible person for any less.

I wrote Wells of Cleveland about your planed visit and asked that he arrange one meeting,he informed me that he could not secure the place he wanted and wondered if you could stay over untill Monday,but I am sure he can find a place at the Y if he try.

The Madam asked to be remembered to you and Mrs.Randolph, and with kindest personal regards,I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Ps: you will note I am back at the old hunt and peck system(Smile)

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April 8th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph.
International President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217-West 125th,Street.
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication under date of April 6th and 7th,with respect to holding zone conferences in connection with a drive to get the new men in and the deliquents paid up and your program of organizeing the Pullman Car cleaners.

It is my considered opinion that both are most constructive and timely and should be launched at the earliest possible date in view of the circumstances.

With few exceptions most of these locals has a sufficent treasure to send local officers or deligate some one to attend and there is no question but that great interest will be aroused throut each the various zones, in short I think you have something there.

In connection with the car cleaners here in Detroit,one of the former car cleaners who now operates as a porter and is personally aquainted with most of the cleaners here is making the contact for me,he has in his possession some authorization cards that was sent me and he is geting the signatures and adresses and I plan to call a meeting so soon as we have a small number signed up,I will write the various local officers over the zone with a view of starting the same method or in what ever manner they can bring them in to the fold and you will be informed of developements.

The madam asked to be remembered to you and with kindest, personal regards to yourself and Mrs.Randolph.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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April 15, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Because of the slowness of the trains and uncertainty of the time schedules, I am suggesting that we leave for Nashville so that we may arrive on the Saturday prior to Sunday, and if the Auxiliary wants to have something that night you can advise them that they may do so as we will be glad to attend.

Kindly find out what your railroad fare and Pullman will be to Nashville round-trip by way of Chicago and back to Detroit and let Totten know so that he may send you the transportation fare and maintenance. You needn't worry about the Pullman from Nashville to Chicago for I am having that arranged for you and me so that we won't have any trouble in Nashville getting the combinations.

Web has suggested that we have an International Executive Board meeting to discuss and map plans to organize the Pullman Car Cleaners and work out our suggested regional conferences. I think this is a good suggestion and I am designating May 11, 12, and 13th. While in Chicago I will also plan to have a one day conference with the Pullman management about various matters that may be important to discuss.

I hope you and the Madame are enjoying the best of health. Your hunt and peck system is not so bad (smile). Kindly remember me to the firm of Hazel and Bennie.

I am glad you are getting a stenographer and your plans in that respect are quite proper and meet with my approval.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:hm

Smith

April 16, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I suggest that you get your return ticket by way Chicago back to Detroit, over the C.E. & I. and the L. & N. Railroads. Those are the railroads over which I have gotten my return tickets.

I have secured a drawing room out of Nashville for us to Chicago. We are scheduled to arrive in Nashville Saturday, April 24th so we should leave on the 23rd.

I hope you will write the Brotherhood and the Ladies Auxiliary advising them that we will be there on Saturday evening, and that they can arrange to have a meeting on anything helpful that you wish, and that we will be available for it.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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April 19th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph.
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
217-West 125th,Street
New york City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I was able to secure transportation only one way to Nashville and of necessity will have to buy a ticket from Nashville to Chicago and back to Detroit,I could not buy a ticket round trip going one way and returning another.

I have mailed a letter to the Auxilary and explained that we would be in Saturday and would be at their services,I should hear form them before I leave,I have lower nine car five from Cincinnati to Nashville,leaving Cincinnati Friday night eleven pm,and due to arrive Nashville about eight am Saturday morning.

Will tell you about the meeting here when I see you, Hazel said the firm of Hazel and Bennie are under her control(Smile),Burton was at the meeting and spoke in Macks stead.

Looking forward to seeing you at Nashville and with kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Ps The girl got a job in a defence plant and did not take the job as she said. I wrote Brother Totten for transportation and maintenahce for nine days.

B.S.

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May 1, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

The following are the names and addresses of Brothers of the Nashville division whose homes we were served, respectfully, A. Owens 1028 Archer Street, H. Pope 1414 Hynes Street Geo. Phillips 2807 Torbett Street.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Smith

May 2, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am back in New York hard at work. Now pursuant to our conversation about plans for the Brotherhood Convention to take place in Cleveland beginning Sunday, September 17th in the afternoon, may I say that I would like you to give your attention to the following things when you go to Cleveland.

1. Secure a place to hold the Convention to begin Monday, September 18th at 10 a.m. A National Executive Board meeting will take place September 16th. You could arrange to have the Executive Board meeting to be held the same place the Convention will be held. I would suggest that you try to get the Phyllis Wheatley House for the Convention and two or three rooms for Committees in the Phyllis Wheatley House.

2. Arrange to have the delegates stop at the Phyllis Wheatley House if there is sufficient space. There will be, I suppose, about 100 delegates.

3. You can also advise Miss Hunter that most of the delegates would like to have their meals there.

4. Engage the place where the Convention will be held to extend through Friday, September 22nd. Of course the delegates will be leaving from time to time and we cannot guarantee that they will hold their rooms throughout the week but most likely they will.

5. Kindly get the total expense for the Hall in which the Convention will be held and the Committee rooms for that week.

6. Engage a church for a public mass meeting which is to be held Sunday, afternoon, September 17th.

7. Engage a place where we can hold a party for the delegates, their family and friends Thursday evening September 21st. Be sure that the place will be under the complete charge of the Brotherhood and that it is to be used all night.

8. Arrange to have music consisting of about three pieces including piano, drums and horn or something of the sort.

9, The place where we have the party should provide space for dancing.

10. Engage someone who will supply entertainment in the form of young men and women dancing and singing. Three or four people will be quite enough. But they must be good so as not to bore the people.

11. Arrange to have either the Ladies Auxiliary or a caterer to make sandwiches of all kinds, tasty appetizing hor d'houvres together with chicken salad, cake, ice cream etc.

12. Arrange to get the whiskey the men may want of a good brand with many crates of beer and Coca Cola and some wine. There should be a case of whiskey or more.

13. Have the place arranged so that tables will accommodate four or more and that there be plenty of them. See that the place is artistically decorated so that it will not be drab and uninviting.

14. Plan to have Negro neighborhood decorated with flags both for the Government and streamers in the form of flags with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, International Union and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters on them. They can be put in the Negro businesses or any other business in the City in the Negro neighborhood. This will give the community a festive appearance during the Convention. There should be some nicely formed cards, red, white and blue with welcome on it to the delegates of the Third Biennial Convention of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Of course I will work all of this out for you. But you should get someone who can plan to put these banners, flags and streamers out and get the permission of the City to do so if necessary.

10. Have Brother Wells form a Convention Committee divided up into Entertainment and Housing sections because there will be many persons who will want housing out of the Phyllis Wheatley House.

Now the bills for everything should be given to you and you give them to Brother Totten so that Brother Totten can pay them by check. You can have Brother Wells heading the Convention Committee and he will be responsible to you and you will keep me informed of the whole program from time to time.

For the party the delegates may invite their friends. I rather think that we won't have any speaking because people don't want to hear any talking when they are drinking, dancing and listening to music.

Now at the public meeting we can invite the President of the Central Trades and Labor Council. I don't think we need to invite the Mayor or anybody else.

At the public meeting you will preside and all of the International Officers will speak including Sister Wilson, President of the Ladies Auxiliary unless she plans to hold a separate public meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary.

When you go to Cleveland you can get the Committees organized and put them to work. They will need supervision which you will see to from time to time.

Now the more I have thought about the question of the wages and hours of work for the Canadian Pacific porters I have come to the conclusion that it is unnecessary for us to make a separate submission to the Canadian War Labor Board. Whatever the decision of the Board may be, we will have no other alternative save to abide by it. If the Board takes too long on the wage decision we can go in again and have our working rules written up and signed and then have the wages and hours made a separate Memorandum of Agreement. We would do this if the Board looked like it was going to take six months or more.

I think that we made great progress. Congratulations upon the effective and sound work you did in keeping the boys straight. Remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 4, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for the letter with names and addresses of persons with whom we had dealings while in Nashville.

I think our trip was very effective. Kindly remember me to the Madam.

I think we might plan to visit Toronto June 1, 2, and 3rd and Montreal the 5, 6, and 7th. Suppose you write Brother Petgrave of Toronto advising him of our plans to be there on those dates and arrange meetings for 1 p.m. each day and we can plan to hold one meeting for the Pullman Porters in the evening on June 1st or at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. I would prefer the afternoon. I would suggest that we do not have any public meetings for either the sleeping car porters or the Pullman Porters on this trip to Toronto.

I think Miss Velma Coward plans to have me speak at a forum in Montreal, and we do not need to hold any public meeting there either. I suggest that you have Brother Jones arrange meetings with the C.P.R. men for the afternoons of the 5, 6, and 7th, and we can hold one meeting for the Pullman Porters on the 5th around the same time, 4 p.m.

I think it is well that we make this visit so that we can rebuild the spirit there or keep it up since we have it.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ha

Smith

May 19, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Brother Victor I. Coward, Secretary-Treasurer of the Montreal Division of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters suggests that he has two rooms for us.

I recall that his sister wanted to have a meeting on racial discrimination in Montreal and so we may permit her to go on with that. You may wire her to that effect.

As he has suggested a form of letterhead for the Montreal Division, I think I would suggest to him the type of letterhead we use namely our letterhead with the local division. The enclosed is form he suggested.

Kindly remember me to the Madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 21, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks for the enclosure on the C.P.R. matter it will be a good idea for more of the exwelfare committees to extend there resignation to the management. I think you have them now where they will either move or move the Pot (Smile)

I have requested of Brother Coward that the letter heads are to remain intact and in space provided add Montreal C.P.R. Division names and addresses and if they desire Phone numbers of President and Secretary Treasurer, and for the Pullman group, Montreal Pullman Division. I am writing Velma today.

All moves forward and the the Madam asked to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph and with kindest personal regards, I remain.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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May 24, 1943

Dear BrotherSmith:

You will be surprise to know I have received a full paid man for membership. One who was hard to convience but I am sure your letter was Broadcast about the Uncle Tom's and this I presume got him.

I was told our last meet was well attended. I also visited the Ladies Meeting before I left and I experience a bright ray of Sun Shine in their midst every thing seems prosperous now and we are awaiting you and Brother Randolphs comming.

My wife is preparing for you and Brother Randolph meals at my home, then the Reception will be in the Hall. So please advise me in this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sister Jones Joins me and the Brothers and Sisters in wishing you Gods Speed. I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Signed J.Jones
President, Montreal Division
Brotherhood Of Sleeping Car Porters

May 24, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith,
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter which I wrote the Canadian Pacific Railway in view of the fact that I received a letter and telegram from Brother Victor I. Coward to the effect that the Welfare Committe, which was supposed to have resigned, did not resign.

Of course, it does not make much difference any way as to whether the Welfare Committee resigned or not since the porters have a right to change representation regardless of the action of the Welfare Committee.

Now, suppose you find out the cost of transportation from Detroit to Toronto and Montreal and back so that you can advise Totten and I will have him send you check for transportation and maintainence. I will meet you in Toronto the morning of June 1st.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 26, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for yours of the 24th with enclosure. Its most unfortunate that those Pigeons did not send in those resignations, however, it will not make a great deal of difference. I talked this morning with Brother Coward long distant and he informe me that Russell of Montreal refused to sign and while I am not suprised I also learned that Johnson of Toronto also refused. But fortunately they have all signed authorization cards which will in effect be the same thing.

It is my information that Jackson of Toronto is to secure reservations some place for us at Toronto.

I just had a talk with the C.P.R. Ticket agent, they have an office in Detroit. He said Mr. Neal the Vice President at Montreal was a very fine fellow and any dealings with him we would be of the same opinion of course we place our own values on who is fine.

Will see you Tuesday morning. The madam asked to be remembered to you.

The attached is being widely circulated in Detroit they have stolen your stuff but they won't be able to properly execute it. Also copy of letter from Brother Jones. With kindest personal regard. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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June 12th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph,
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217-West 125th,Street
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that your return was safe and pleasant and to add that in my opinion our recent visit to Canada was timely and most constructive,since my return one Montreal and Toronto porter has been in to see me,Cooper of Montreal and Alexander of Toronto,both beaming with enthusiasm.

Crawford of Indianapolis a red cap who was made president of the M.O.W.Indianapolis unit was also in to see me this morning,he was making a student trip as a Pullman porter,he informed me that they were trying to hold meetings in Indianapolis but had no M.O.W. matter that would give them a talking point was doing the best they could,it seems they want to send a deligate to Chicago,and asked that some M.O.W.matter be sent to Mrs.Priscilla Lewis,2734-Blvd Pl.Indianapolis,I suggest if you could have sent to them a sample cap and some other matter you might chance to have on hand it will stimulate them to action as they seem to be eager to carry on.

All apparantly moves forward over the zone,a letter from Brother Royster of Nashville informs me that Pope has declared himself a 100% company man but that does not mean any thing I told him.

The Madam asked to be remembered to you and Mrs.Randoplh with kindest personal regards,I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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June 17, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

This it to acknowledge with thanks copies of communication in connection with the C.P.R. matter, I am sure by this time the C.P.R. realises they are dealing with a real Trade Union. Several of the C.P.R. Porters have been in to tell me that other unions in Canada are wishing you were representing them . Our recent visit is causeing no little concern according to the men. The Madam and me enjoyed hearing you over the Radio Sunday it was great and served well the cause.

Attached letter is self explanatory . A letter from Velma expressing a desire to attend the Conference together with Margorie and requested an invitation to better enable them to cross the border. So I mailed a letter to Burton requesting of him to extend same as Chairman of the Chicago Unit. That will let us out.

The Madam plans to attend also in case I attend, as it will serve as a small time vacation for her I shall try and make plans to attend.

Remember Hazel and Me to the Madam and with Kindest personal regards. We are,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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**Rogers mentioned the Brotherhood in his speech at the N.A.A.C.P. meeting so I was informed, so we get favorable mention regardless.**

June 14, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

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Dear Mr. Smith:

I've just returned from the Emergency Conference, of the N.A.A.C.P. which was held in your city from June 3-6 and it was my greatest expectations to have seen and conversed at length about the M. O. W. M. so as to have been better informed about the steps to take in making contact with the President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and also to have made preprations for the conference to be held in Chicago, Ill. the latter part of this month, but after inquiring and having been informed by attorney Simmons of your unexpected departure from the City, I cancelled all thoughts and diverted them in another direction. Mr. Smith, just this evening at 9:40 P.M. I contacted the President of your organization Mr. Edward Dickerson, at 1345 Wade Street and ask that he work with us, but he refused to do anything without your consent so I suggested that when he write you to mention that I called and ask that he contact you at once, so you can explain to him that it is our aim to get representatives of all labor organizations and the community as a whole to work in hearty cooperation for the good of all mankind, so will you please write him a letter of understanding about his eligibility as one of the committee to help formulate plans, because if his organization is not interested the criticism will be to great for success to be atained. Mr. MrButts who is the President of the M.O.W.M. has a very hard job here so I am giving his as much support as possible, I am acting as Secretary-Treasurer although I was elected Vice President, thinking that I would get off light, but I seemed to have gotten fooled, but it is my pleasure to do all in my power for the good it will do for all of us and for the high respects Ihold for you and Mr. Randolph. Several weeks ago I received a letter from Mr. Randolph enclosed was some literature asking that we send in names of the officers and that we did immediately, but to date we have received no further in formation so we are at a loss just what steps to take so will you give this letter a serious thought and answer at your earliest convience. Give my regards to attorney Simmons and accept my most pleasant regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Signed------Prisilla Dean Lewis
2734 Blvd. Place

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July 8, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1828 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Just a word to say that I was glad to see you at the "WE ARE AMERICANS, TOO" Conference in Chicago. I think it was epoch making and I am sure we will raise the budget outlined.

I shall look forward to seeing you in Chicago July 31st for our Regional Conference of your zone and Webb's.

We fooled the "stuffed shirt, perch climbers" as Webb would call them in that our conference was an overwhelming success.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 27th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217-West 125th,Street.
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that present plans are that I take my vacation starting on or about August 1st,Hazel and Mrs.Webster,has decided that we take them together at Mackinaw City Michigan,in order to give Web,a chance before leaving for the coast August 11th,in my judgement up around the Streights of Mackinaw will be an ideal place for a vacation,I am told it is a place for quiet and rest.

You can let Brother Totten know as to the time we plan to leave.

It is my opinion that the conference will serve as an awaking for many of the districts like Cincinnati, and Indianapolis, in fact all the districts and I am sure it will be reflected in the reports,I plan to hold a meeting Saturday for the Detroit division and on Friday night for the M.O.W.M. of this week,I will write you the results.

Here's hopeing you had a very pleasant journey to the South land a safe and happy return,Hazel,asked to be remembered to you and the Madam and with kindest personal regards,I remaine,

Fraternally yours,

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August 4th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217-West 125th,Street
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say the reason I called yesterday,I was a little disturbed from press reports of what turned out to be not a race riot in Harlem but bad enough as it was and when I learned that some window glass on 125th,street had been broken out I was thinking of our crowd,I was glad to learn that you and the others was okay and that things was not as bad as the daily press here would have us believe.

I guess Web,and I will not be able to spend our vacations together I was waiting to hear from him and put off leaving untill next week,the Madam and me will leave next week due to transportation difficulties we may decide not to go as far as Mackinaw city but some spot this side,however we do appreciate the check and I want to thank you again for the very gracious contribution to our vacation.

I held a meeting today of the Brotherhood all present promised every cooperation in the building of the division,geting the car cleaners in,there is no question but these meetings helps in many ways and while I know they will not do all they promise but it helps to keep them right and thinking of the Brotherhood.

The Madam joins in kindest personal regards and when writing remember us to Mrs.Randolph.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Smith

August 6, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Everything is safe on the western front here in New York. There were many battle-scarred warriors when the smoke blew away and the flag was drawn down. Calm apparently has returned, but some of the hoodlums are still belligerent, and of course, even the law abiding citizens have a little hoodlumism in them, because they resent the injustice as keenly as the so-called ignorant hoodlum. In fact, I do not think that hoodlum is a proper term for this group, but everybody is using it. Of course, these youngsters are just bad, anyhow, and they don't care about anybody, but I hope things are going to work out.

I called a group of citizens together and we are presenting a statement and recommendations to the Mayor.

Kindly remember me to the madam. I am glad you and the madam are taking a vacation.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:RB

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August 7, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say following are the names that I know of the group picture at Montreal. I am requesting the name of the man at extreme right, kneeling, front row be sent the Black Worker from Montreal immediatly. Reading left to right, bottom row: V.I.Coward, Secretary-Treasurer. J. Jones, President Montreal C.P.R.Division Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Top row; standing Velma Coward, Secretary-Treasurer Ladies Auxiliary. A Philip Randolph, International President. Masie Dash, President Ladies Auxiliary. Bennie Smith and Mrs. J. Jones.

With kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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August 10, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to acknowledge with thanks receipt of yours of the 6th, and glad to note that all is quiet on the Western front and I agree fully with your observations but despite the so called hoodlums, identified among our group, they enable you to put your finger on the boil and justify the educational program of the March and after all it sometimes takes a storm to clear the air.

Hazel has decided we will take our vacation at Nigera Falls. We plan to leave the latter part of the week by boat. It will be a new experience for her.

The man on the group picture of Montreal I did not know was A. Lawrence, member of the local board. With kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/eb

August 11, 1945

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Thanks for your letter of August 7th suggesting the names of the persons on the photo.

When I return from Los Angeles Web and myself will come to Detroit to work with you on the agreement for the C. P. R. so that you and I can then go to Ottawa to make our application for the Board of Conciliation and Investigation.

Fraternally yours,

APR:ha
Dictated but not read.

A. Philip Randolph
International President

Smith

September 8, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Kindly send me the copy of the Agreement which I marked together with the notes that I made and copies of the suggested rules for the Agreement that were made by Brothers Potgrave and Blanchette, so that I may get the Agreement in shape for us to submit when necessary. I will send you some copies after they are all completed.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:RS

Webster

September 9, 1943

Mr. M. P. Webster
First International Vice-President
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Webs:

Now that this fellow Austin is in jail, what is going to be the next step? It seems to me that if he is going around armed looking for you and me, that something ought to be done to keep him in jail. Did you lodge a charge against him? If so, what was it?

We are looking forward to a very good meeting for the colored locomotive firemen, Sunday, September 12.

I will no doubt see you in Washington sometime Saturday night, since I may not get to leave New York until about six o'clock.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:EB

Smith

September 10, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter just received from the Minister of Labour which shows that we are beginning to move on this case.

I have written Brother Blanchette advising him that we want him to begin his work for the organization on the 15th of September and that he should prepare to go to Montreal and make that his headquarters. I advised him that we wanted him to serve for three months and probably longer if the case warrants.

The outlook is that we shall be required to push this fight with vigor and constancy. I am sending a copy of this letter from the Department of Labour to all the members and officials of our Canadian locals.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Smith

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*Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to*

To Mr. Bennie Smith Sept. 13 1943

*Care of or Apt. No.* 1308 Broadway, Room 306

*Street and No.* Detroit, Michigan

*Place*

RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INQUIRY COMMISSION Room 705 1265 McGILL COLLEGE AVE MONTREAL QUEBEC DEAR SIR THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE INQUIRY I WAS AUTHORISED BY THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF LABOUR TO CONDUCT INTO THE ABOVE MENTIONED DISPUTE WILL OPEN AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17,1943 THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS SHOULD THE COMMISSIONER NOT BE ABLE TO BEGIN THE INQUIRY AT THE HOUR AND DATE MENTIONED YOU WILL BE ADVISED I WOULD APPRECIATE WHEN THIS LETTER IS DELIVERED THAT YOU ADVISE ME OF ITS RECEIPT HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION ANY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE WITH WHOM I COULD COMMUNICATE SIGNED

*Sender's Name* BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

*Address* *Tel. No.*

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Sept. 13, 1945

To Mr. Bennie Smith
Care of or Apt. No. 1308 Broadway, Room 308
Street and No. Detroit, Michigan
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BERNARD ROSE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INQUIRY COMMISSIONER KINDLY PLAN TO GO TO MONTREAL FOR THIS CONFERENCE AND WIRE PETGRAVE TO MEET YOU THERE WITH AUTHORIZATION CARDS AND YOU CARRY THE LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY YOU HAVE YOU MAY REACH ME AT THE WHITELAW HOTEL 13th & T Street N.W. WASHINGTON D.C.

A PHILIP RANDOLPH

Sender's Name BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
Address
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A PHILIP RANDOLPH=
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AT 3724 NOTREDAME STREET WEST WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPEMENTS BLANCHETTE ALSO ARRIVED THIS AM EXPECT PETGRAVE LATER COWARD IS WITH ME WILL WIRE YOU TOMORROW AS TO THE TIME I WILL CALL LONG DISTANCE IF NECESSARY=

=BENNIE SMITH.

3724. AM

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A PHILIP RANDOLPH=
WHITELAW HOTEL 13 AND T ST NORTHWEST=

JUST COMPLETED SESSION WITH COMMISSIONER MESSRS MCKEOWN AND BRYDONJACK FOR THE MANAGEMENT MYSELF AND COMMITTEE FOR THE BROTHERHOOD WILL CALL YOU SIX PM AT HOTEL=

BENNIE SMITH.

315P

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INFORM BROTHER RANDOLPH I AM CALLING HIM LONG DISTANCE AT HOTEL SIX PM=

BENNIE SMITH.

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3724 Notre Dame Street, West
Montreal, Quebec
September 21st, 1943.

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached hereto find copy of notice of elections together with procedure in connection therewith that we are presenting to Mr. T. M. McKeown tomorrow for approval.

Would appreciate your criticism and you may wire me of any corrections at 3724 Notre Dame St., W.

Present plans are that elections will start October 5th,1943 if approved, and voting will continue up to and including October 25th, 1943.

The management has asked us for a list of our Canadian representatives which I shall present to him tomorrow,-the Grivance Committee of the five districts -- Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Will call you at the office tomorrow 4.30 P.M.

Kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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copy of notice.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS AND SUPERVISING COMMITTEES

1. Notice of election shall be posted on the regular bulletin boards at terminal points where elections are held.

2. Employees eligible to vote shall be given a ballot form by the committee appointed to supervise the election.

3. A space will be set aside at each poll to enable voters to mark bacots free from observation either from the committee supervising the election or any other person, and on receipt of ballot voters shall take same to the booth and mark same after reading carefully the instructions printed on the ballot form.

4. When voter has marked his ballot he shall fold same in such a manner as will not disclose how ballot has been marked.

5. All ballots will be deposited in an envelope which, at the end of each day's balloting, will be sealed by the committee supervising the election, the members of which will affix their signatures as close to the seal as possible. The seal may be of wax or an official seal.

6. The sealed envelope will be forwarded by registered mail at the close of each day to:

BERNARD ROSE, K.C.,
Industrial Disputes Inquiry Commission,
Room 705, Confederation Building,
1253 McGill College Avenue.,
MONTREAL, P.Q.,

7. The committee supervising the poll will enclose in the last envelope at the close of the poll the following documents:

   (i) The total number of employees eligible to vote.

   (ii) The number of such employees voting each day and the total number of ballots cast during the period poll has been open.

   (iii) The official list of eligible employees used by the committee supervising the election.

(All documents to be certified by each members of the committee supervising the election.)

8. The number of votes reported as being cast each day will be determined from the check kept of the names of those voting.

9. Under no circumstances are the ballots placed in the envelope by the voters to be removed from the envelope or such other container which may be used, or to be seen or examined by any person.

10. The Committees supervising the election in view of the responsibility devolving upon them shall take every precaution to see that the instructions to voters and the Committees are fully carried out.

Bernard Rose, K.C.,
Industrial Disputes Inquiry Commission.

BALLOT : Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Sleeping Car Porters.

| Place | Date | No. of voters eligible | No. of votes cast |
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Supervising Committee

Representing the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

Representing the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Note: 1. One form to be returned in envelope for each day's ballot.

2. Summary form to be returned in the envelope containing ballots for last day of poll.

Signed: Bernard Rose, K.C.,
Industrial Disputes Inquiry Commission

## NOTICE OF ELECTION TO DETERMINE BARGAINING AGENCY WITH THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY IN THE FOLLOWING CLASS OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS.

1. Sleeping Car Porters.

Balloting will take place at the following points:

1. Montreal, (Quebec ~~& Algoma District)~~
2. Toronto (Ontario ~~" "~~
3. Winnipeg (Manitoba ~~" "~~
4. Calgary (Alberta ~~" "~~
5. Vancouver (British Columbia)

Ballots will be available for all eligible employees at the time and at the place specified for the voting to take place.

Balloting will begin on October 5th, 1943 and close October 25th, 1943.

Employees who report at Moose Jaw, and Edmonton, who cannot vote at the nearest division or points, shall have the right to cast their ballots by mail. The ballots will be distributed from the nearest division to the Superintendent or agent at Moose Jaw and Edmonton, and he will distribute the ballots to the employees eligible to vote who will mark their ballot in favor of the organization he wishes to represent him, enclosing it in an envelope and addressing same to:

Bernard Rose, K.C.,
Industrial Disputes Inquiry Commissioner.
Room 705, 1253 McGill College Ave.,
MONTREAL, Que.,

The poll for the .......................District will be located at......................

To: Mr. Bernard Rose, K.C.,
Industrial Inquiry Commission,
Poll ____________

Place: ______________
Date ______________

Ballot of Sleeping Car Porters, employees of Canadian Pacific Railway Company.,

Supervising committee - certificate

We the undersigned representatives supervising the ballot of Sleeping Car Porters, employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company hereby declare that at the vallot of these employees held at ________________ on the question;

1. Are you in favour of bargainingwith your employer through the representatives of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters?

2. Are you in favor of bargaining with your employer through committee of employees as heretofore?

(Indicate by a cross (X) which you desire)

All employees seeking to cast votes were properly identified as being entitled to do so and that the ballot was conducted in a fair and proper manner.

Supervising Committee

____________________________
Representing the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

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Representing the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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September 24, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Pursuance to our phone talk, this is to say that I think things will move fast in Canada. The idea was to proceed with a view of taking the vote. I explained to the management when they attempted to include that foot note on the Ballot that the Brotherhood through you had very definitely stated our position and while I could not tell them what to send the commissioner, I immediatly got in touch with the Commissioner. He called them and told them they could send him a letter but nothing could go on the ballot other than a form from which a choice may be made. The Commissioner contends that the form of ballot as excepted by you regardless is recognition. However as suggested, Commissioner Rose should be informed in writing as to our understanding also to be made a part of the record so that by no hook or crook our application will not be considered as unnecessary to pass upon, should the case arise.

We can delay the voting until October 11th, if necessary. Suggest we not send proposals but present them in person.

Have instructed Blanchette to take 10 days if necessary time permiting to cover Calgary, Moose-Jaw and Vancouver but be back in Winnipeg in time to handle the voting.

Attached is a letter awaition my attention on arrival the same is self-explanatory. This lawyer is looking for a big fee and added note, it seems to me that the local

NAACP should look into the matter until we can see just what will develop. I have not as yet answered.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/eb

Inc: Copy Letter

In re: Canadian Pacific Railway Company
Sleeping Car Service and Brotherhood
of Sleeping Car Porters.

BALLOT

1. Are you in favor of bargaining with your employer through the representatives of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters ☐

2. Are you in favor of bargaining with your employer through committee of employees as heretofore, ☐

(Indicate by a cross (X) which you desire)

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx#26
1308 Broadway

September 21st, 1943.

## LOCAL CANADIAN GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES

## BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS.

### MONTREAL DIVISION

Joe Jones -- Chairman
S. R. Lewis
E. D. J. Bartholomew

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S. S. Jackson
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P. T. Clay
Roy Williams

### VANCOUVER DIVISION

F. C. Collins -- Chairman
E. Lawrence
Roy Scott

B. Smith

September 27, 1945

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 24th with enclosures of ballot for the election and Grievance Committees of the CPR. Your position on not agreeing to change the form of the ballot by permitting the CPR to put a note at the bottom was proper. As you say the ballot as it is now agreed upon amounts to recognition of the Brotherhood regardless of the letter the CPR officials sent to the Commissioner.

I note you plan to have Brother Blanchette return to Winnipeg to conduct the election. Don't you think that Brother Wilson or Hudson can take care of it. If you have any doubt that they cannot take care of it then it is well to have Brother Blanchette supervise it.

I note you plan to check the election in Montreal. I thought it would be a better plan for you to be there to receive the information from the various districts and coordinate and supervise them than actually checking a district yourself. But, if you have any doubt that Brother Coward would not handle it well, it would be proper for you to check it personally.

Now relative to the case of Brother Mabry in Chattanooga, may I say that the lawyer is looking for a big fee by suggesting a long fight which means a long fee. I wrote Brother Wood who is quite an intelligent man to let me know what he thought about the situation. It appears that the case is coming up September 27th and that date is now. We will wait and see what Brother Wood has to say since you cannot take the word of these lawyers about anything.

I think your suggestion not to send the proposals to the CPR until we are ready to meet with them is good. I'll write Mr. McKeown that we will let him have the proposals as soon as we get them ready and we will not get them ready until we are ready to meet with them.

Kindly remember me to the madame.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Smith

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1716 SEVENTH STREET
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

September 28, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks for your letter of the 27th and I quite agree with you with respect to Chattanooga matter. The case has or should have been heard by this time and we can only await developements. I understand from a letter just received from Whitaker, they have paid this lawyer $100.00 already. I think it advisable to move slowly in this matter as some of these porters will stick us as quick as a cracker.

In view of the fact that we will have to pay these porters at least for salary loss from 15 to 20 days or more to serve during the period of balloting and as we have only 7 men at Moose-Jaw and Edmonton being out, I had thought after a 10 day instruction tour by Brother Blanchette to Calgary and Vancouver he may as well return to Winnipeg and handle the voting. Winnipeg is the largest district in the west. However, Wilson or Hudson could handle it fine but I am sure he would want Jackson, as he and Hudson don't click so well, I understand. It does not make a great deal of difference as only the cost of one man will be saved. Yes, I plan to have Jones or Coward handle the voting in Montreal.

The madam asked to be remembered to you and to tell you she has canned some fruit to serve you when you visit Detroit. Kindly remember us to Mrs. Randolph and with kindest personal regards, may I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice President
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September 30 ,1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached find copy of letter which is self explanatory. I would, however like to add that trip will give Brother Blanchette at least three days each at Vancouver and Calgary and one day at Moose-Jaw before returning to Winnipeg and should be sufficient time to secure the deposit slips of the two former divisions and instruct the tellers as to the checking of votes which in my considered opinion is the most important atthis stage.

You will also note his request for letter for phone, I dont think we should be writing the phone people at Winnipeg,some other arrangement can be made. Should the necessity arise we can have him call us,personally. I prefer waiting developements, if, however in your judgement you feel that I should, I will be only to glad to do so. Also if you feel he should have more time at Calgary and Vancouver and let Wilson take care of the Voting, I can reach him Before he returns, as I do not feel we will start on the 5th.

Owing to illness in the family, Evelyn is leaving for home Saturday for an indefinite stay. Cecil Palmer, has promised to take the job. The daughter of a Chicago linen man. I also understand Mrs. Westbrook would consider comming back. In either case I will find some one.

With kindest personal regards, may I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/eb

221 Selkirk Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
September, 28th, 1943.

Mr. Bennie Smith,
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. F. of L.
1308 Broadway Room 305
Detroit, Michigan
U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of yours of September 24th for which I thank you. All Instructions noted. Also received this A.M. Copies of letters to Brother Mumford, Moose Jaw; Brother Clay, Calgary; and Brother Lawrence, Vancouver. Thanks for same.

In reply, may I state that, provided with trip pass requested and granted yesterday by Mr. Sugden, General Superintendent Winnipeg I shall leave towarrow morning, September 29th directly for Vancouver B. C., plan to leave there Sunday, arriving Calgary Monday, leave Calgary Wednesday Arriving Moose-Jaw Thursday, and return to Winnipeg Friday. The duration of my visit is to Vancouver and Calgary is tentative, and shall last only long enough for me fully to instruct the members and tell therein re the forthcoming ballot, as I fully appreciate the necessity and wisdom of my returning to Winnipeg as close to the 5th Ultimo as possible since I am the appointed teller here at. Shall advise you of my progressive steps as they occur. In this connection in keeping with your advised predetermination. I concur with tellers being:- Vancouver:- Brother R. C. Collins; Calgary:- Brother P.T. Clay; Moose Jaw:- Brother I. C. Mumford. If, However, upon visiting these districts, I find it necessary ( while at present I doubt) to change same, shall do so and advise you forthwith.

As stated above, I have been granted trip pass to Vancouver return with the option of trip passes subsequently whenever necessary please advise me if berth accomodation will be reimbursed me by International, or is same expected to be covered by granted Per Diem of $5.00 daily whenever I travel for the movement, as stated by Brother Randolph. This advice is necessary to enable me "to cut my garment to suit my cloth".

Now I want you to do me a favour. I have applied for installation of a phone in my home, and have been told that on account of the area in which I live being congested. it is not likely that request would be granted for a great while.

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I countered with the fact that on account of my recent appointment as Assistant Zone Supervisor for Canada it is an absolute necessity for me to have a phone so that the International officers of the Brotherhood may be facilitated in their contact with me from time to time as expedient. That point was well taken, and I was advised to obtain a letter from an International officer to that effect, which would therefore grant me priority re installation of phone in this congested area. Hence my presentrequest of favour. Would you consequently write, in this connection:- Mr. H. Caddington, General Commercial Superintendent, Manitoba Telephone System, Telephone Building, East Portage, Winnipeg, Manitoba, stating in toto necessity of my being granted phone installation. To reiterate address:-

Mr. H. Caddington,
General Commercial Superintendent
Manitoba Telephone System
Telephone Building
East Portage,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Thanks in anticipation.

I am glad to report that yesterday I held a session with the Executive Board, Officers, and Organizing Committee of the Winnipeg Division which was largely attended. All and full instructions re voting were given, and absorbed by those present. I typed ont ten copies of the ballot ( marking same:- COPY OF BALLOT) and gave these to certain members of the committee so that they in electioneering, may be able correctly to instruct all porters eligible to vote, just how to mark said ballot when given same at the polls. The Brothers disbanded with this slogan:- " Vote For The Brotherhood - On to Victory".

I have arranged to have my mail forwarded me in my absence, hence tho I may be absent from the City of Winnipeg from time to time, please continue to write me at this address.

With kindest personal regards,

Fraternally yours,

A. R. Blanchette
Assistant Zone Supervisor

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Smith

October 1st 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie;

Thanks for your letter of September 30th concerning trip of Brother Blanchette to cover the balloting in Calgary, Van Couver, and Winnipeg. I think your arrangement is good.

Relative to the question of the phone, I don't think that it will be necessary for him to have any phone for his work. Who is going to pay for it? If he is going to pay for it, it is alright for him to get it, but the Brotherhood cannot pay for it.

If Mrs. Westbrook will come back I would advise that you get her. She was a good girl.

I think Brother Blanchette will do a good job. According to his letter he understands what the situation is.

I go to Boston Sunday, October 3rd and will be in attendance at the A. F. of L. Convention until October 18th. I will let you know what my phone number is at the Hotel Statler. Even without the number you can reach me there if you find it necessary to do so.

I will be back from the A. F. of L. Convention before you finish the election in Canada.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 6, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Statler Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts c/o A.F. of L. Convention

Dear Brother Randolph,

This is to inform you that I have employed Cecile Palmer as my secretary at twenty five ($25.00) dollars per week. She is 19 yrs. old, with much experience in clerical work and in my opinion will prove to be an asset.

She promised to stay with the Brotherhood for 5 years. I am confident that when she familiarizes herself with the routine duties, we will be well pleased with her work.

I was unable to make a deal with Mrs. Westbrook.

I called Montreal yesterday and the eligible list had not been furnished the C.P.R. Management in the far West. The present outlook is that we will get started with the voting on or about October 11.

I will keep in touch with and wire you on the eve of my departure from Detroit. Everything moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice Pres.
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Bennie Smith

October 12, 1943

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Leaving Toronto Thursday night for Montreal, after conference with our group. Will establish headquarters at 3724 Notre Dame,West Phone Wi llbank 8970. Will keep in constant touch with you.

In connection with Mabry matter at Chattanooga he only got a light fine and is back at work. You can see that lawyer wanted to make a mountain out of mole hill. That is why I ignored his letter.

Will spend a day in Toronto enroute to Montreal. With kindest personal regards, may I remain.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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Montreal, October 17th, 1943.

A. Philip Randolph, Esq.,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that all moves promisingly forward with respect to the election in Canada.

To date out of 193 eligible in Montreal, 74 have voted; at Winnipeg, 34 out of 68; Calgary, 22 out of 44; Vancouver 22 out of 39. No report from Toronto as yet.

While on that subject I feel that it is going to be necessary to exercise very strict discipline over Brother Petgrave. For some unknown and unnecessary reason he addressed communication to Commissioner Rose in connection with the election. I explained to him for the third time that no communication should be sent by him or any other local official to the management or the Commissioner without first bringing the matter to my attention so if necessary the matter may be referred to you before action is taken. This bird at times seemingly wants to act on his own initiative.

Will keep constantly in touch with you and report results as fast as attained.

You are not doubt in possession of information with respect to the passing of Brother Victor Coward's wife, Thursday, October 14th. It was very sudden and most shocking. Victor is standing up fine.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith, 2nd Int'l Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Smith

October 20, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
3724 Notre Dame Street, West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Bennie:

I hope the election is moving favorably forward. I will leave on the 21st for Chicago and will leave there on the 23rd for New Orleans. I am sending you herewith my itinerary with dates and address so that you can reach me at any time you desire.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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October 20, 1945

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3724 Notre Dame Street, West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Bennie:

Received your letter of October 17th and I am glad to know that the election is going promisingly forward. I am glad that you advised Brother Petgrave not to write to the Management or the Department of Labor about anything but that all communications must come through yourself or me.

I certainly was shocked at the information of the death of Brother Coward's wife. She was such a fine soul and apparently quite healthy. What is he going to do with all those children. I certainly feel sorry for him.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Bennie Smith

Montreal, Quebec,
October 23rd, 1943.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
227½ South Rampart
New Orleans, La.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to advise as to the progress of the election. About 85% of the eligible voters have cast their ballot. The greater portion of the new men ~~shortage~~, or about 60 men in Toronto and Montreal, have not yet voted; the West is practically finished. We hope to complete the voting next week.

For your further information, it is quite significant the C. P. R. management has not been able to get any of the porters to act as tellers for them making it necessary for them to use their platform men in each district.

It may also interest you to know that Lockhart, the Winnipeg porter-instructor taking his vacation on the 15th, when we started the voting, came to Montreal, and is stopping at Brother Jones, the local president. The C. P. R. is also paying his expense during his vacation at Bro. Jones. I have given considerable thought to the matter and there is nothing that he can do in the way of getting information as to the voting other than what he can get from the management. However, in the future we should be guided by this incident in withholding information from the local president that might be released to a man like that.

My present plans are so soon as the voting is completed to contact Commissioner Rose and arrange a date for the counting of the ballots, after which I have no doubt we will be certified as the bargaining agency.

I will keep constantly in touch with you and inform you of all developments.

I suggest that we present our proposals in person to the management and not distribute them to the various locals until such time that you are able to acquaint them, which can be just prior to our presentation to the management.

Victor is holding up fine under the strain and reporting for duty today. He is fortunate to have his mother and father and four sisters who are devoted to the children.

Everything here moves promisingly forward. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
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Montreal, Que.
October 26th, 1943.

Airmail

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4614 Chisom Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Brother Randolph:

Commissioner Rose called me today to inquire if it was possible for you to be here when we counted the ballots for the purpose of publicity. I explained that due to precommitments it would be impossible. He also thought of setting the date for Friday, Oct. 29th or possibly Monday or Tuesday, Nov. 1st and 2nd, in view of the fact that the 20 days are up on Nov. 4th and so few are left to vote. It is possible that he would cut it one or two days short. The management has used every subterfuge to prolong the voting beyond the 20 days .

In a conversation with Mr. McKeown this afternoon he wanted me to extend the time for voting. I absolutely refused so next week a date will be set for the purpose of counting the ballots.

Commissioner Rose has engaged some room in the Federal Building for the purpose of checking the ballots cast.

For your further information there are at present less than 40 men throughout the Dominion who have not voted . I am confident that the Brotherhood will soon be a landslide.

From what is mentioned above you will note that the greater majority of the eligible voters have cast their ballots.

Will keep you informed of further developments and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Smith

3724 Notre Dame St.,W.
Montreal. Quebec
October 28th,1943.

Mr. A. R. Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4614 Chison Street.
Houston, Texas

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that since wiring you the Management insists that the polls be kept open until November 4-43 and counting of the ballots to begin November 9-43. Evidently they have some reason for insisting upon this extension.

Commissioner Rose, whose letter is here attached is self-explanatory but due no doubt to the heat turned on by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company he has changed the date of ballot counting until as is elsewhere mentioned.

Also attached find clippings from the Montreal Daily Star October 27/28th. This change is made despite the fact that there are less than 15 votes throughout the Dominion to be cast.

The following are the men in Montreal who have not as yet voted:-

A.Stewart, E.McIntyrre, W. Jones, W. C. Isard,
T. A. Williams, D. Douce, W. C. Sparks -
have not availed themselves of opportunity to vote.

N. M. Durand - sick
A. Dorris - "

D. Berry - on Navy special whereabouts unknown.
J. R. Pleasant - in U. S. A. - not likely to return.
C. Mohammed -- out of service since eligible list made up.

D. Douce - in tomorrow - Brotherhood man.

Vancouver completed its voting several days ago, Moosejaw and Winnipeg likewise. There is only one vote left in Toronto which was also declined up to the present.

Will keep you posted of further developments. With kindest personal regards

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Mr.A.Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
4614-Chison Street,
Houston Texas.

Dear Brother Randolph;

Just a word to say that since I sent you the wire stating that the counting of ballots would be November 2nd,I have had a call from Commissioner Rose informing me that he would have to change the date untill November 9th,due to the insistence of the Managemene and supported with the fact that they had in their possession a note to the effect signed by Brother Coward to keep the polls open untill November 4th,aftr which the Management insisted on time for the votes to reach Montreal.

For your information all the porters in Vancouver have voted,the same is true at Moose Jaw and Winnipeg,we have 10 porters in Montreal that has not voted to date and only four of that number that is possible to get and they will be in tomorrow the others having declined for some one reazon or the other,in Toronto we have only have one who will be in on the 31st,having pfeviously declined to vote before going out.

In view of what is mentioned above I am writing this myself with the hope you can understand and under another cover I am sending you the letter from Mr.Rose with a letter that I will have Velma to write,one thing I have learned since being here,is, we will have to wach the portes who are reprezenting us,despite instructions they will make agreements with the Management binding the organization and them lie to me,however all we want to do is win the right to repfesent after which we will be able to take care of all such matters,these boys from the West are a problem but I have peeped their hole card and they will never know.

The real truth is,small time chiseling on the part of our group and the Management thinks they have the men to deal with to thwir advantage,despite this fact we will win by a land slide*

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Bennie Smith

3724-Notre-Dame St.West
Montreal Quebec
October 29th,1943

Mr.A.Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
4614-Chison Street,
Houston Texas.

Dear Brother Randolph;
Just a word to say find attached letter from Commissioner Roze, seting out the reason for the change in date of counting ballots,which is self-explanatory.

As stated in a previous letter we have only a few here in Montreal who has not voted,to date only eight,three are sick,four indifferent and one who has been out of the city on a little run and gets to Montreal once a month,he is due in to morrow, Toronto has only one he is due in Monday,Vancouver and Winnipeg has finished several days ago voting 100% the same is true of Moose Jaw,Calagary has two who has not voted,we will have at least 98% of the eligibles casting their ballots and I am sure we will win by a land slide despite the fact every means that can has been devised to delay us.

Everything else moves promiseingly forward and I will keep in touch with

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President.
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I have as you cansee run out of our letter-heads since I have been here.

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INDUSTRIAL,DISPUTES INQUIRY COMMISSION
ROOM 705,1253 McGILL COLLEGE AVE
MONTREAL QUE,

OCT,28th, 1943

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Mr.Bennie Smith,
Vice President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
3724-Notre-Dame St. West,
Montreal.

In re; Computing the votes in the matter of the election for the choice of bargaining agent to represent the Sleeping Car Porters of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in their dealings with the Company.

Dear Mr.Smith,

Mr.McKeown phoned today to advise me that an arrangement had been concluded with Mr.Coward that the voting continue until November 4th in order to give all employes an opportunity to deposit their ballots,in view of this arrangement it will be necessary to change the date for the counting of the votes,and so that all ballots cast may reach the Commission before the date fixed for the counting, I have extended it to Tuesday,November 9th, at 11 A.M. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr.V.I.Coward.

Yours truly,

Signed; Bernard Rose,
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INQUIRY COMMISSIONER.

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Smith

Montreal. November 9th,1943.

**Airmail Special Delivery**

Mr. A. P. Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
11 N. Jefferson Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Persuant to my wire, this is to advise you that the Brotherhood won a sweeping victory in the Dominion-wide vote. Total 479 out of a total vote cast, 489, three ballots being thrown out. The actusl number is not given out by request due to the fact that it is necessary for Ottawa to release the actual percentage. However, this is your assurance that we got all the votes with the exception of ten that was cast, -- the most sweeping victory ever accooded the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Today we had a very enthusiastic joint meeting of the Ladies and Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary, also Sister McKinley of the Executive Board made most stirring speeches. All present expressed sincere desires to stand byy you 100%, regardless. It was the most enthusiastic meeting that the Brotherhood and Ladies Auxiliary ever held in the Dominion of Canada. It would have done your heart good to be present.

I am leaving tomorrow night for Detroit arriving early Friday morning; stopping in Toronto for a meeting with the Toronto Division - C.P.R. and Pullman Division of the Brotherhood. My reason for remaining throughout Wednesday in Montreal is for a meeting of the local Pullman Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The Brotherhood again has planted its flag high upon the hill top of victory! Long live the Brotherhood!

Velma asked to be remembered to you. Kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
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November 19, 1943

Mr. A.P. Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

I was indeed glad to hear your voice over the telephone and to know that your trip to Denver was pleasant and your return journey safe.

Your letter sent out to the offices of the M.O.W.M., with respect to a loan came during my sojourn in Candda and since my return I have a letter from Brother Turner reminding me of the communication, so I plan to forward to Brother McLaurin today $50.00 with the information that the remaining fifty will be mailed to him as soon as it is possible for me to do so.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Nashville have been requesting a visit, I have explained that so soon as possible I will be glad to wisit them, and try to arrange to have you accompany me. I did not, however make them a definite promise.

Letters from Canada informed me that the spirit is unusually high, since the election Victory, and the Montreal division wants to arrange to have a Victory dance during our visit. One have been held in Winnipeg on November 15th. I think I shall explain that in view of our expected return to Canada soon and not able to determine the duration of our stay, that it may be difficult for them to plan the dance during our next visit, early next month will not give them sufficient time to plan all the details, not knowing how long we are going to be there. I think it will be well to tell them to proceed as they so desire, fixing the date for their own convenience. You might let me know what you think of this, also about the time that we will arrive in Montreal.

I note by the press, your recent experience in Memphis which is to be expected in that section, it only proves the necessity of a strong, militant movement such as the M.O.W.M. to fight unceasingly for the democratic rights of the Negro people. In my opinion, the actions of the crackers only serves to arouse the straight thinking negroes in America, that something must be done.

The madam has what I understand the Study Club. They have quite a large membership composed of some of the people that really needs to be reached with a program such as is elsewhere mentioned. Early in January they are having an affair in which they hope to reach a large number of the negroes in Detroit and she has asked if it will be possible to have you address the group, should you chance to be in Detroit on or about that time. As we know they are broke and will not be able to finance your trip to and fro but in case you should happen to be here, you could address them, if you so desire, which is one way to reach some of the people that we would otherwise be unable to reach.

As I recall, the date will be on or about January 9th, 1944, however, I think arrangements could be made to suit your own convenience. Everything else moves promisingly forward, and the Madam asks to be remembered to you and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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November 29, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that all moves forward with the Brotherhood in Detroit, and to request the information with respect to our next trip to Canada.

I mailed you a letter to Chicago due to my misunderstanding the time of your departure. You, no doubt, have it by this time.

I might suggest that we leave Petgrave off of the Agreement Committee, because he is a perfect pest. I will explain when I see you. If it developes that we need some one from Toronto, I suggest Brother Jackson, in view of the fact that Brother Jackson is a Club Car man and will be of more benefit to us than Petgrave.

For your further information Mrs. Westbrooks is back with me, starting this morning. I wrote Brother Totten Saturday informing him of her return and the weekly rate of pay, thirty ($30.00) dollars per.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
BS/fw Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Bradley

November 29, 1943

Mr. E. J. Bradley
Third International Vice-President
11 North Jefferson Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Brad:

I saw the story the Crump machine gave to the press. I was glad to get the paper you sent me. Well, at any rate, we spoke in Memphis despite Crump, and we will continue to bring pressure to bear on that rotten system.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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221 Selkirk Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
November 29th1943.

Dear Sir & Brother;

An assessment of $ 2.50 has been levied upon each member of the Winnipeg Division B.S.C.P. for the purpose of purchasing office equipment - Desk, Filing Cabinet, Typewriter, and Miscellany. This is an emergency; please govern yourself accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

A.R.Blanchette

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December 13, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I arrived home safely and experienced no difficulty in obtaining an upper berth from Pittsburgh in.

I think I just got out of New York ahead of the cold spell, as I ran into zero weather in Detroit and plenty of snow.

For your further information, I have before me a letter from Brother Blanchette informing me that he had levied a tax of two ($2.50) dollars and fifty cents each on the membership, to pay for a typewriter, and equip an office. Seventeen of the members have paid and others have kicked up on the grounds that he has no authority to levy a tax on the membership, which is quite correct, and I have advised him that the taxing power, under the constitutional provisions, is levied only by the International President, and he should have brought this matter to our attention before levying such a tax, and he was therefore, in error.

I have also advised him that effecrive as of December 15, 1943 that he report to the C.P.R. for service, in view of the fact, that his ninety day leave of a bsence, which I requested, will expire, and if necessary we would request another leave in the near future.

Trusting that you have completely recovered from the la grippe by this time and hope that you will watch yourself very carefully, as there is an epidemic of colds and flu in Detroit, in fact, throughout the country and nation.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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Encl.

Bernie Smith

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December 16, 1943

Mr. T. T. Patterson, Vice President
New York Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Pat:

We have this day received a copy of the Agreement, despite the fact you mentioned two copies, only one was received at this office. However, permit me to request your rechecking this Agreement and determine if we did not omit the following including some corrections.

"Monthly rates of pay for the above classified employees are as follows:

| CLASS OF SERVICE | MINIMUN | OVER 2 to 5 YEARS | OVER 5 to 15 YEARS | OVER 15 YEARS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sleeping Car and Parlor Car Porters | $113.50 | $117.00 | $121.00 | $124.50 |
| Tourist Cars | 120.00 | 125.50 | 127.50 | 131.00 |
| Compartment Observation and Buffett Cars | 126.00 | 129.50 | 134.00 | 138.00 |

On page 1, paragraph (c) the word 'within' is used twice.
On page 2, paragraph (e) the twenty dollars and seventy five cents in parenthesis should read twenty dollars and twenty five cents instead.
On page 2, A-1, the word hours is used twice.
On page 3, Rule 10, the blank space behind the word 'rule' should read rule 20.

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Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 W. 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

According to the press it seems as though we are hitting the C.P.R. at the proper time, in view of the fact that in the Province of Quebec, after the Firemen and Policemen strike, they have recognized the C.I.O. as the bargaining agency for the Municipal employees.

It was rather surprising to note that Montreal was without Firemen and Police protection for a period of fifteen hours or more.

I am sure something will be done in Ottawa with respect to the increase in wages.

Attached you will find a clipping from the Toronto Evening Journal, under date of December 9, 1943.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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# WILL DIRECT LABOR PAY IN DOMINION

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### ENLARGE LABOR BOARD

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In order to [illegible] uniformity of practice, the National Board is given closer [illegible] over the regional War Labor Boards, which are required to report all their decisions and directions to the National Board [illegible].

The order pro[illegible] employer is [illegible] basic wage rates [illegible] including [illegible] wage rates the amount [illegible] authorized cost-of-living bonus.

The National Board is required to review decisions and directions of regional boards and may "of its own initiative," vary or rescind such decisions or directions.

Any person interested in any decision or direction of a regional board may appeal to the National Board, if leave is granted by the regional or National Board.

### MAY ORDER WAGE CUT

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### STRIKE PENALTIES

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Bennie Smith

December 17, [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
[illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 15th with enclosure concerning assessment tax of $5.00 by the Winnipeg division. May I say that this is not the proper way to handle matters of that sort, because a tax is a thing that has got to be paid, and no local has the right to levy a tax. They might ask the men to donate to a fund for any purpose, but not levy a tax. I am glad you wrote them as you did.

I am also glad that you advised Brother [illegible] to take care of his seniority by reporting for service.

Kindly remember that we will meet in Pittsburgh on the morning of January 11th for a series of meetings.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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[illegible]

December 21, 1948

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 16th with clipping. It is indeed fine that Montreal was compelled to recognize the Municipal employees.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:RB

AF:CH
[illegible]

Bennie Smith

December [illegible], [illegible]

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Find enclosed letters which are self-explanatory.

I would suggest that we have as members of our Agreement Committee the presidents of the local divisions on the Canadian Pacific system. We can advise Mr. McKenna of the names of these persons in the next few days. Kindly let me know your reaction to this. Since the president of the locals are the chairmen of the Grievance Committee, he would be the logical man for a member of the Agreement Committee any way. But, in Winnipeg I think that the men including Brother Wilson would want Brother Blanchette to serve on the Agreement Committee.

Now I think if we have Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver represented we don't need to have Calgary because that is a small district. Also we don't want to offend anybody on this matter. What do you think about it?

Did you get a copy of the Agreement and is it all right?

Kindly remember me to the madame and may I hope for you and her a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 22, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

The following is the program that Brother Henry has outlined for us starting January 12th. He tells me that the same meets with your approval. After studying this program if you feel that it is going to be too strenuous I might suggest that he confine it to one meeting a day instead of two. I would like to have your reaction on the matter.

January 12, 1944; Meeting with the Porters, Attendants, Yard Employees and their wives beginning at 1:00 P.M.

January 12, 1944; Joint meeting with the Auxiliary, 8:30 P. M.

January 13, 1944, 1:00 P.M., meeting for Porters, Attendants, Yard Employees and their wives.

January 13, 1944, 7:30 P. M., dinner with the Division.

January 14, 1944, 1:00 P.M., meeting with the Porters, Attendants, Yard Employees and their wives.

January 14, 1944, 8:00 P.M., Mass Meeting, Leo Weil Elementary School.

I was talking with the Executive Secretary of the YMCA, Mr. Cooper, a few minutes ago and he plans to write you to get you to accept a date for the 23rd or 27th of January. It developed in the course of the conversation, with a proviso, that he was unable to get R. J. Thomas or some one else for those dates. So, in view of that fact and our present plans being that we will hold a meeting and probably banquet about February 2nd, also an MOWM meeting, I was just wondering if you would accept those 'Y' dates with that proviso.

I will appreciate the information if we should proceed with the plans for a banquet on the above mentioned date with a view of your being present.

Everything else moves promisingly forward, and I will keep in touch with you.

The Madam joins me in kindest personal regards to Mrs. Randolph and yourself.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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P. S. Joseph Guinn just called me, you will, nodoubt, recall that he is one who is charged as being a Conscientious Objector. He is working with a Good Will Direct Action Committee, separate and apart from the March, and they are holding a conference February 11, 12 and 13, and he wanted to know if it would be possible for you to address that group either the 12th or 13th, at the Central Methodist church on the 12th or the Second Baptist Church on the 13th. So, you can let me know if you will be able to accommodate them on the above mentioned dates.

B.S.
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December 24, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
230 W. 150th St.
House 3, Apt. 3B
New Yory, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

This will acknowledge with thanks yours under date of December 21st with enclosure, and may I say that there is no objection to the Presidents of the Canadian Divisions comprising the Agreement Committee. However, I note that McKeown sticks to that employee stuff. In view of that fact I might suggest that in your reply tell him that the Agreement Committee will be comprised of one member each from the five Canadian Divisions and two International Officers, I am not sure if I would give him the exact names until it is definitely decided as to the date we meet. He has some reason for wanting to know the names of the Canadian employee Committeemen, and I am of the opinion that he feels that there are a few he might be able to influence.. Be that as it may, I am not so sure it will make a great deal of difference, but it might be well that we have the approval of the various Divisions for the Presidents to act as Agreement Committeemen, that, perhaps, will save us some headaches in the future.

No, I have not got a copy of the revised contract. I mailed it back, or rather I requested of Pat to make some corrections, of which I sent you a copy, that, I think will be very necessary. You, no doubt, have it now. In short, we did not have the number of rules as referred to in the various paragraphs. I think with those corrections we will have a pretty nice contract.

This will also acknowledge receipt of your recent communication with respect to the strike matter. The matter will be taken care of immediately.

The Madam asks to be remember to you and Mrs. Randolph, and here's wishing for you a very merry christmas and many happy returns in the new year.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith p F.W.

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/fw

P. S. In the presentation of the proposals it will hardly be necessary for the full Agreement Committee, as you can explain to McKeown. Perhaps, Blanchette and Jones of Montreal might sit in beside you and myself for the presentations, later we can bring in the whole Committee. What do you think of that suggestion?

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December 29, 1943

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your wire, and to say that all instructions have been carried out to date.

Attached find copy of wire sent to all local divisions.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,
Bennie Smith pr. F.M.W.
Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
BS/fw Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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December 29, 1943

TO ALL LOCAL DIVISIONS:

You are aware that the strike was called off prior to the Government's control of the Railroads. Hence, any and all instructions received prior thereto are to be disregarded. You may advise membership.

/s/ Bennie Smith.

Bennie Smith

December 30, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1538 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory.

I wired Mr. McKeown setting January 17th as the date of the conference and he replied that date was satisfactory. So that we will plan to go to Montreal and be there on the morning of the 17th.

Now no doubt you will leave Pittsburgh and go to Detroit and I will meet you in Montreal on the morning of the 17th or I may come to Detroit so that you and I can go over the agreement and spend one day with you in Detroit if we have that much time.

Kindly remember me to the madame and may I wish for you both a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Enc.
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A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 31, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1808 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Permit me to advise that the program arranged in Pittsburgh for yourself and myself will be alright. There is going to be a luncheon on the eleventh and twelfth of January at the Jewish Young Men's Hebrew Association, at which I shall speak, and to which you are invited. I hope that you will arrive in Pittsburgh the morning of the eleventh.

Well, the railroad strike is over, and the question of a wage increase and overtime and vacation with pay for the Non-Operating employees is still unsettled. I hope that some settlement will be made in the next week. I don't think the President will hold the railroads more than thirty days, now that the strike is over.

I think that the President out-maneuvered the railroad unions. I will keep you informed of developments.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 4, 1944

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

The flu has had me for about eight or ten days, and this is my first day in the office, so I am sure you can appreciate the accumulated matter before me. However, I am feeling fine today. I think I will be able to navigate from here on in, and I will meet you in Pittsburgh on the 11th.

Thanks for your communication under date of December 30th and 31st with reference to our trip to Pittsburgh and Montreal.

Now, as we will leave Pittsburgh on the 14th, it may be just as well for you to come on to Detroit and spend Saturday with me as we will have to leave here not later than eight o'clock Sunday morning in order to arrive in Montreal for the conference Monday, January 17th. That will give us a little time to go over the contract together before meeting McKeown.

You are quite right with respect to Roosevelt out manuvering the railroad unions. After all I think everything will work out to our advantage in the end.

Trusting you had a most enjoyable Christmas, and here's wishing for you and Mrs. Randolph many happy returns in the New Year.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you both, and with kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
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January 5, 1944

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I have received a copy of our proposals.

I have made reservation for Pittsburgh, leaving the night of the 10th and will meet you on the morning of the 11th.

Kindly advise as to where we will stop, provided however, Brother Henry has informed you. I wrote him a few days ago requesting that information.

May I also ask if I should not make reservation to Montreal leaving Sunday morning, January 16, or will you arrange transportation from New York? I was thinking if arrangements had not been made perhaps, I had better arrange for reservation for myself from Detroit-Montreal and return, and for you Detroit-Montreal on through to New York.

Will appreciate the information at your earliest convenience.

Expecting to see you Tuesday, January 11.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Bennie Smith

January 6, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
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Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter which is self-explanatory.

I hope that you are feeling well, and also the madam. I am glad to know that you have recovered from the "flu". Everybody seems to have had the "flu" to some extent.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh the morning of the 11th. I will wait in the waiting room until you arrive, or if you get in first, kindly wait for me.

The wage question for the Non-Operating employees is still hanging in suspension. No doubt it will be settled when the railroad labor leaders meet the President this week.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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440 January 20, 1944

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that your return journey was safe and the Conference with the MOWM in Washington met with a tremendous success. I gave D. D. Johnson, the local chairman of the Detroit Unit a letter of introduction, he, no doubt, was able to contact you.

Mrs. Postles wanted to represent the Detroit Unit and said she was going to make a trip to New York, so I advised her that I could not recommend her representation unless she purchased a MOWM card in New York as she has had every opportunity to be a part of the Unit, but for some reason best known to herself, she has been unable to line up with us until now.

I had a very enthusiastic meeting with the Pullman group in Toronto, and it became necessary to also hold a meeting with the C.P.R. group later in the afternoon, because of the fact Petgrave had gotten back and called up a group of them, in addition to the ones he contacted on the Streets and had explained to them that a mistake had been made in drafting the progressive rates of pay proposals and that we had admitted the error, and it was too late for him to do anything about it, together with other misinformation and had them all in quite a scare. It became necessary for me to blast that baby in the presence of all the ones he had misinformed and let them know that instead of the President trying to make a correct report and explain to the rank and file what it meant to even get an Agreement, and the men ought to have confidence in you, knowing that you had signed, in addition to making Trade Union Contracts with some twenty odd Major Railroad Industries in the states, and that they had never written a contract and had never negotiated one, and it seemed to me that in view of what you have done for the other Railroad groups they ought to know that everything that could be had in the interest of that group of employees would be gotten by you.

When the membership began to understand that they had been misinformed and was approaching the subject from the wrong angle they agreed to say no more about it and requested Petgrave not to raise it in the next meeting and they expressed their confidence.

As I have always told you this bird Petgrave is not right, whether it is willful, which I do not think it is, or just plain down right ignorance on his part in trying to star and sell himself to the men, I do not know, but in either case it certainly has a bad morale effect. However, I think I will be able to take care of the young man in the future.

I have mailed letters to Columbus and Indianapolis informing them of the dates of our expected arrival and requested arrangement for meetings at Indianapolis on the 7th and 8th starting at 1:00 P.M., and on either of these days a meeting for the Car Cleaners, if same can be arranged about 5:00 P.M. I have also written Columbus for the same thing on February 9th and 10th.

I have also mailed a letter to Anita Moten Lawson informing her of our visit.

A letter from Brother J. A. Smith of Columbus informs me that he has arranged for a nice place for us to stop.

Everything else moves promisingly forward, and I will keep in touch with you.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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January 22, 1944

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached find copy of letter from Petgrave. I fail to understand what this baby is trying to get, unless he wants in addition to his salary and the cost of living bonus, what he thinks his tips might be and his expense for the time he is off.

I am inclined to feel that these headaches like Petgrave is going to necessitate our stating out right just what we are going to pay them for serving on the Agreement Committee, then in case he cannot accept it we will have to pick some one sles.

Now, I believe and think we have in the past paid them adequately in view of the fact that in serving in any capacity for the Management, other than their regular line of duty they are only allowed their regular salary and three meals to eat at a designated place each day. Ofcourse, you can expect such raids from some of these birds simply because they are working for themselves. They have not taken into consideration that they are the chief beneficiaries .

It is my impression from the many implications in his letter he wants about one hundred fifty ($150.00) dollars per, and an expense allowance of five ($5.00) dollars per day despite the fact that he works for the C. P. R. for three ($3.68' dollars and sixty eight cents per day including the cost of living bonus and no thought is given to the fact that it is all for his and fellow workers benefit.

E. S. R. Bellamy, the President of the Calgary Division was in the office today and spent quite some time. I was very glad because I was able to go into many matters in detail in connection with his Division so that he could help us get Clay straightened out. I have every reason to believe that after his visit Calgary will show a decided improvement.

Everything else moves promisingly forward.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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49 Denison Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
January 19, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

When I spoke to you the other day after our arrival in Toronto from Montreal with respect to the proper disposition of the bill I shall tender to the International Secretary-Treasurer I had completely forgotten to ascertain from you whether the status of a delegate on the Agreement Committee was similiar to that of a teller.

In your letterto me, bearing the date of November 26, 1943, you stated the following: (from the second paragraph)

> "For your further information the instruction of the International was that those who laid off their regular operation to act as teller for the Brotherhood, the International would pay them for all pay loss suffered as a result including the cost of living bonus.........."

Since no reference to the delegate on the Agreement Committee was included in any of your communications, I therefore think it necessary for you to acquaint me of the ruling affecting the assignment, so that in the event of the performance of such work, I may be able to render a bill that will be compatible with such assignments.

With your kind indulgence, I will greatly p;eased if you will allow me to present to you the following case, which of course affects the brothers who are appointed to serve in various positions incidental to the conduct of the Brotherhood. Firstly, I shall quote from the last paragraph of the same letter the following;

> "............we, ofcourse could not nor do I think you would expect us to take into account the possibility of tips, any legitimate expense incidental thereto will of course be taken into account."

A ruling of that nature would create insurmountable difficulties, had the Brotherhood been the bargaining agency for the sleeping car porters of the Canadian Pacific Railway during the years that the wages for that type of work was only Thirty-two Dollars per month, To say that a teller, then, would be paid one dollar and a fraction for his daily work would invite criticism,

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even though expense incidental thereto would be forthcoming. Payment on such a premise would be inadequate, and it would be incompatible with the cost of living even in those days when conditions were not comparable withe the conditions of today. In those days the money made by porters as tips was very good even to the extent that many porters left their pay-cheques for long periods of time before applying for them. The money made by them as tips was wholly adequate to meet existing living conditions. Condictions began to worsen, thereby c ausing living standards to require more money for the proper balance, in turn, lessening the amount of money collected by porters as tips, which in turn caused the porters to apply for bigger wages. Up to the present time when wages is considered far better than it was in the remote past, yet economically it is far worse now that it was then. The rise and fall of tips as received by all workers, especially porters, has reached a new low. There are various runs especially where tourist cars are used in the transportation of soldiers, that the Management had to pay these porters, enough to commensurate with the loss suffered by them in operating these cars. Today, with the different wage bases set for each type of car, the average that each porter accrues is One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per month.

The 'Red Caps' operating at the various stations in Canada, are paid an amount that is less than Fifty Dollass monthly, but their 'take' in tips more than equalize the amount necessary for living conditions as enjoyed by that worker-group. Should this type of worker be included in the Brotherhood, the varipus assignments that would be accredited to tellers, etc., w ould certainly require compensation to offset the loss suffered.

Even though it may not be admitted, but the various types of cars carry a basic rate of pay, since it is conceded that a Standard car yields more than a Tourist, and more also than a Compartment or Observation car. This prevalent condition caused a step-up in rates on the respective cars, thereby equalizing the amount accrued by all.

If it became compulsory by an order-in-council to make illegal the tipping situation, the management would necessarily be forced to raise wages to commensurate for the loss that would be suffered by those affected.

Working on the Agreement committee will entail a very long time, therefore it is probable that e ach member will be off work for as long a period as it will take to negotiate the Agement, therefore the payment as applied to tellers would not be adequate when applied to a delegate on the Agreement Committee, since he will not be in the position to accrue the 'extras' had he been on his regular assignment on the road.

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At the present time the type of car that I operate pays One Hundred Dollars per month with an added cost-of-living bonus of Nineteen Dollars and Twenty Two Cents, making a total of One Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents. At this rate for Twenty-Five days it may not be felt where a loss is suffered, but shuuld this be applied for say two or three months then that will be entirely different.

This bill, I am holding in abeyance until I hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

/s/ V. I. Petgrave
Toronto Division, C. P. R.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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B. Smith

January 25, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of January 22nd with enclosure from Brother Petgrave. He does seem to be quite technical about the expense allowance for members of the Agreement Committee. I think we will talk over this question about the amount to allow the members of the Agreement Committee when I see you in Chicago, and I shall look up the records here as to what we allow the members of the Agreement Committee as a rule, so that we can decide what to provide for them.

I am glad you dispelled the misinterpretation from the minds of the Toronto men which was being spread by Brother Petgrave, concerning the spreading of the wage raises upon a basis of time employment. This is insignificant, however, and doesn't deserve the consideration he wants to give it.

I just received a letter from Mr. McKeown requesting additional copies of the Agreement. I am sending them to him.

I am glad Brother Bellamy of the Calvary division was in to see you. I note your arrangements for meetings in Columbus and Indianapolis, and that you have written Miss Anita Moten Lawson informing her of our visit to Indianapolis.

Everythings goes well.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International Preside

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COPY. Bennie Smith

134 Austin St.,
Winnipeg, Man.,
January 25, 1944.

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice-President,
Brotherhood Of Sleeping Car Porters,
Room 305, 1308 Broadway
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Brother Smith;

Information from Brother A. Philip Randolph in a letter of recent date regarding the presentation of our contract on Jan. 17, caused a bit of debate here and as a result Winnipeg had no representative at the presentation. I want you to know the position I took in this and another matter.

I believed that it was both necessary and desirable on the part of both the International and Winnipeg to have our delegate present at the presentation. Therefor, upon receipt of the above mentioned letter Idecided on Brother Blanchette as our Delegate ; this was also in accord with a past election by the body. IWired Brother Blanchette on Jan. 10, en route to Vancouver from Montreal notifying him to arrange to be in Montreal on Jan 17. On his arrival here he came to my home to discuss the situation and I advised him to prepare to leave the next night the 12th instant. He told me he could not follow my orders as he had to await instructions from the International before he could move. I wired you on the 12th seeking more information but received no reply. Now what I want answered is, have I the authority as local President, to order a delegate elect to attend such conferences when I believeWinnipeg interests are at stake.

The 1st Vice-President, Brother J.R. Hudson Jr. has concurred with me throughout and is also anxious for this information as similar instances have occurred when he has presided in my absence.

The recent question of assessment came up during my absence. Brother Hudson was presiding and not being aware of the Brotherhood policy regarding taxation allowed the motion to pass. After hearing of this assessment Isent word to Brother Blanchette to have the motion rescinded at the next meeting. He referred the matter to you. As soon as your letter was received Brother Hudson immediately ruled the assessment out of order.

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I do not intend to suggest that there is internal strife in our local or that there is any loss of confidence in Brother Blanchette but I must know where my authority begins and ends. Is Brother Blanchette still our Assistant Zone Supervisor?

May I expect instructions regarding my authority soon?

I have been with a special party for sixty-eight days. I missed my meetings but used the occasion to spread Brotherhood Gospel in remote stations.

Wishing you and our American Brothers Healthand Prosperity, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J C Wilson

J.C. Wilson, President
Wpg., Man., Division, B. of S.C.P.

Copy sent to,
A. Philip Randolph, International President.

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S. S. Jackson
848 Ossington Avenue
Toronto, Ontario

February 9, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

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Dear Brother Smith:

I am writing regarding the special meeting that was called with some of the officials of the Toronto Local, for information concerning the visit to Montreal with the C.P.R. officials, as to the spread of fifteen years seniority pay roll for the men.

You can appreciate why I brought Brother Petgrave to the hall for you to meet with the men for a full explanation before you left for home. He had waited in the station on his arrival from Montreal and contacted allthe men he could and informed them of what had been done by Brother Randolph contrary to the wishes of the men. When I came downstairs, I was told of the mistake. I tried to point out to them it was only an error, and could be rectified by yourself and Brother Randolph. Brother Petgrave insisted that it would have to stand, because it was in the agreement already presented to the C.P.R. I knew if that were spread around, it would cause great dissatisfaction among the men, so I insisted on him calling a meeting and having you explain the matter.

Now, after full explanation has been given to the brothers present, I find that Brother Petgrave is still inciting the brothers, and has even written Brother Randolph about it. Also, he is showing a copy of the letter around to the men.

This is for your personal information.
With best wishes,

I remain
Fraternally yours,
/s/ S. S. Jackson (per E.S.)

Bennie Smith

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126 13th Avenue No.
Nashville, Tenn
2-10-44

Mr. Bennie Smith

Dear Sir:

My delay of answering your letter of 1-19-44 caused by my efforts to convince the fourth man, Mr. Harry Jones to sign one of the Authorization Cards. Regardless, he refused to sign giving no good reason why but I believe it is only fear that is holding him back.

This last raise in pay that the government forced the railroads to pay were not given to the four of us. The T.C. R.R. Co. sent us notices stating that our salary had been increased effective January 1, 1944.

We received no back time, no hourly raise, but as a gift we were shown that we only had jobs that paid a certain amount each month, regardless to overtime, ha, ha.

I explained that in details to Mr. Jones, but still he couldn't be persuaded.

Enclosed are the three cards and if they will turn the trick, please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience because it would certainly be a pleasure to learn that after all we can receive your protection and guidance.

With a prayer in my mind, I am resp.

/s/ Thos, D. Britt.

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February 15, 1944

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that you have completely recovered from the recent attack and your sojour to Syracuse and Buffalo was pleasant and your return a safe one.

I am enclosing three authorization cards from the Train Porters of Nashville of the T.C., with a copy of letter recently received that I talked to you about in Indianapolis. The same is self explanatory.

Also attached find a list of the Car Cleaners recently set up in Indianapolis. I have mailed to Brother Allen their dues cards and to the Officials I have sent a letter of encouragement.

As a reminder, on Sunday December 27, we will have dinner at Mrs. Jeffries. On Monday Hazel wants you at home for dinner and ofcourse, on Tuesday night, the 29th at 7:00 P. M. the Testimonial Dinner at the Civic Center, attended by the Brotherhood and Ladies Auxiliary. I am asking Webb to be present at the dinner.

If possible, plans are also under way to have a MOWM meeting Monday evening the 28th, after a joint meeting of our group at 1:00 P.M. and if possible I shall arrange for a car cleaners meeting of which you will be informed later.

Hazel asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Bennie Smith

February 17, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 15th with enclosures including the names of the car cleaners and the officials of the Indianapolis local, and also the authorization cards for the train porters on the T.C. Railroad Company. I will talk this matter over with you when I see you in Detroit. I don't know whether we could take on a railroad with only three train porters on it, since it is likely to cost us quite a bit and it will be impossible to ever get the money back through dues or assessments. We will, however, go into it when I see you and see what can be worked out for them.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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February 18, 1944

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph,
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456 So. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that attached hereto is a copy of letter just received from Brother Jackson, which is self explanatory. It is not necessary to give any thought to it as it is just a portion of the 'mind run' in the early stages that we may expect. Should the occasion arise I will take care of the situation.

Also find attached an article in the Toronto Globe and Mail on February 18th.

Your picture along with twelve others was in the Detroit Free Press Sunday, as the thirteen leading Negroes in America, with a very nice write-up.

Kindly remember me to all the Brothers and Sisters in Omaha.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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February 23, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed a copy of letter which I would advise you to send all the members of your Zone. Instead of signing my name, you sign yours where mine appears. Each month I shall write a letter along this line so that you may use it for your membership.

I have not heard anything from the Canadian Pacific Railroad yet concerning the conference.

I will not be able to get to Detroit until the 27th but will remain however through the 29th. Will wire you when I will arrive. Kindly remember me to the Madam and all the brothers and sisters.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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March 13th,1944

Mr.A.Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217-West 125th,Street
New York City N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to acknowledge receipt of copies of letters of the 11th,and to say that Hemphill,of Columbus joined the organization last May and while his suggestion shows his interest,it is my opinion an air condition working card if presented to a fellow worker is as fine an emblem that can be displayed.

I do not know much about Mclaurin of Vancouver,our records shows him as having paid through February 1944,perhaps for some reason they do not want Collins,I have not had any information on the matter,while on the subject I had another burning letter from Petgrave of Toronto,I some time think he is a little off,later he had the secretary to write me also,in answering Cromwell,I sent both Petgrave and Jackson a copy of the attached wich is self explanatory.

When you you are able to get around to it it may be adviseable to drop the C.P.R.Management a letter with a view of determing if they have had ample time for study of the proposals presented if so we would appreciate the information as to the time we may expect a date for discussion of same.

Mrs.Westbrooks run out on me Friday after being off four days she would not stand to be told what we expected of her,I called her attention to a few minor errors just a matter of ($14.00) short and when confronted with facts her memory failed her,I dont think she meant to be dishonest but she just could not take it,I will find some one in the next few days.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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March 10, 1944

Mr. L. Cromwell, Secretary Treasurer
Toronto C. P. R. Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
648 College St.
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Brother Cromwell:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your report ending March 8, 1944.

Now, in reply to your question with respect to non-recognition of the Local Committee by the Local Management at Toronto. The information could have been had from your Local President, whom I am sure would be glad to furnish your Division with the facts concerning his instructions.

However, assumming there has been some confusion, please be advised that all Local Officials of the Brotherhood in the United States and Canada have been repeatedly instructed that under no condition are they to take in conference or by written communication matters of major importance with the Management without first bringing it to the attention of the Supervisor in charge of the zone, and may I add that so long as the policy of the Organization is ignored as was done in the case in question we are subject to embarrassment.

The attached may serve as a presentation for the members of your Organizing Committee in their membership drive.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
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648 College St.
Toronto
March 8, 1944

Dear Sir & Brother

I received your letter of March 3, and I appreciate the information.

Brother Petgrave, and the Grievance Committee was up to see the Supt. here, and he would not recognize them, as he said he had no authority from Mr. McKeown to recognize them as yet.

Would you kindly enlighten me on this matter.

Fraternally yours,
/s/ L. Cromwell

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**For your further information on this matter Petgrave and Bolden so I have learned went in to see the Management at Toronto to have our proposed rule applied with respect to the number of men to be placed in a new line to be operated out of Toronto that was posted for bid.(Smile)**

B.S.

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April 7, 1944.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks immensely for the information on the Canadian developments I am not at all surprised at McKeown left-handed implication that the policy of the management has not changed, so if it is any news to him the Brotherhood maintains its former position first, last, and all times.

I am glad you suggested the date as of April 24 it will allow me time to get the membership and tax collection drive well under way over the zone in the States. We have sent out one letter and plan to follow it up with the one you drafted as we have about completed the mailing list of most new porters hired in the various districts.

I was elated to note that you had crumpled Crump, it was a great victory and should give the Negroes a backbone instead of a wish bone, more power to you. The Madam joins me in kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours

Bennie Smith

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April 5, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 306
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation to you, I have written the enclosed letter to Mr. McKeown and also sent copies to the officers of the Canadian Pacific Divisions. Instead of setting the 18th, I thought perhaps we ought to make it later. I therefore set the 24th. You will note in his letter that he still talks about porters committee but that does not mean a thing to us.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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April 12, 1944.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York.

Dear Brother Randolph:-

This will acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication under date of April 11, and may I say that I have communicated with Brother Henry, President of the Pittsburg Division in connections with the charges of the Company's action towards the Cleaners in that particular Division.

For your further information it developed that the party discharged was charged with taking a box of Pullman Kleenex that was discovered in her possession, attempting to leave the premises of the Pullman Company. It is true that the next day she was sent to the office with a sealed envelope stating that she was resigning, I suggested to Brother Henry to have her demand a hearing, and they changed the charge so I was informed by Long Distance yesterday to that of theft and this charge instead of resigning, Brother Henry was unduly excited and it was difficult to get the true picture of the situation, but through Brother George Moore I have learned that a great deal of the trouble with the Negro Car Cleaners in Pittsburg is mostly their fault. Nothing definite can be had to support the assertion of Brother Henry that the Negro Car Cleaners are being discharged because of color and being replaced by White workers, however I have asked Brother Henry to try and locate and secure affidavits from those who have been ruthlessly discharged without any apparent reason, since then he has informed me that the firing had ceased. I shall however continue to probe the situation and report to you on what I am able to find.

Attached is a telegram just received from the Calgary Division. I will write Brother Bellamy with respect to the necessity of a Small Committee Plan[illegible]

Will write you more in detail later.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Smith

April 13, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter concerning conference from Mr. T. M. McKeown.

By the way I hope you will write the lady with whom we stopped in Canada informing her we will be there Sunday, April 23rd and for her to have the rooms ready for us.

Webster is here and spoke at the A.F.of L. Postwar Planning Conference today. He made a fine talk.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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JUST RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM BRO RANDOLPH RELATIVE TO A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MONTREAL APR 24 NO MENTION WAS MADE CONCERNING OUR REPRESENTATIVE BRO P T CLAY WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS SOME TIME AGO FOR BRO CLAY TO MAKE THIS TRIP PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU IN REGARDS TO THIS MATTER IN ANSWER TO THIS WIRE=

=E S R BELLAMY.=

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*To* Mr. Bennie Smith

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*Place*

KINDLY ADVISE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT MY RUNNING FOR CONGRESS FOR NEW YORK I AM BEING URGED BY THE CITIZENS TO RUN IF ELECTED I WOULD NOT RELINQUISH MY DUTIES IN THE BROTHERHOOD I UNDERSTAND FROM TALKING TO VARIOUS PEOPLE WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE WORK OF CONGRESS THAT IT WILL NOT REQUIRE ME TO GIVE UP MY RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES IN THE BROTHERHOOD AND THAT IT WILL HELP OUR MOVEMENT

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April 14, 1944.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York.

Dear Brother Randolph:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication under date of April 12, in connections with McKeowan's telegram I am not surprised at his attitude because he feels that by some hook or crook he will get an opportunity to deal with the COmmittee of employees hoping that a portion of them will remain faithful stoogies and he will give them the same contract that they have always worked under, unfortunately for McKeowan the election disclosed that we had 98% who voted for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters representation and not for Committee employees representation, so it is only in that light that we proceed with the matter;

For your information I am writing this day to the local office of Montreal requesting that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held in the meeting hall Sunday afternoon or night and which time yourself and me will be the principal speakers, I think it would be O.K. if some of the members of the Auxiliary care to attend, however if you feel differently that can be easily adjusted.

For your further information I have secured reservations via Grand-Trunk leaving Detroit 4:45 P.M. Saturday April 22, arriving Montreal Sunday morning 7:45 A.M., transportation round trip will be Fifty Dollars and eighty-three cents ($50.83) including tax, and I will write Br other Totten for fifteen (15) days maintenance in addition thereto just in case and I will arrange if necessary to stay as long if conditions require.

We held a very nice membership meeting of the Detroit Division yesterday and I urged upon the necessity ofthe payment of Job Security Tax out of the wage increase and not wait until they receive their back pay checks for same information is being sent out over the Zone. I also plan to call a Car Cleaner's meeting Thursday night April 20, here in Detroit and see if I can get some interest aroused, the Brotherhood men have promised to cooperate in the securing of names and addresses.

Everything moves promisingly forward and I will keep in touch with you, wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Randolph, the Madam joins me in kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

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April 18, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
217 West 125th Street
New York 27 City

Dear Brother Randolph:

Pursuant to my telegram to you Saturday, after giving more thought to the matter, I am yet convinced that your candidacy for Congress is a leap in the dark. I fully realize the pressure being brought to bare to induce you to accept, nor do I question your possible success, but beyond that this coming campaign, in my judgment, is going to be the dirtiest, murk-raking campaign that America has witnessed in her life time. Nor am I unmindful of the fact that we have not gained many more real friends in either high or low places despite your unmatched contributions to the cause of mankind. In the final analysis, when one comes out as a candidate for Congress in this smeary campaign, every little, black or brown nut, as well as, the hypocrite, self-seeking interest of every walk of life will use every trick in the bag, even if unable to defeat, to minimize, even destroy the great good you have done.

It is also to be remembered that in our own organization we have some political, ambitious members, others may become political minded locally and we could wake up to find our organization being used as a "Political Football." However, I am with you regardless and will discuss the matter in detail when I am with you next week.

I just received a wire from Calgary, apparently interested in the sending of P. T. Clay to Montreal. I wrote them a letter Saturday and also wired them today, pointing out the necessity of a small Agreement Committee; and assuring them that Calgary, as all other divisions in Canada would be cared for regardless to whether they have representation present or not. As the agreement apply to all, they share and share alike.

I am writing Mrs. Shaw as to the time of our arrival. A letter from Brother Coward informed me that arrangements has been made for a meeting Sunday afternoon. Will see you Sunday.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Bennie Smith

April 19, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Received letter with telegram. I think your procedure in the car cleaners matter in Pittsburgh is correct. It appears that we will have to put some heat on the Local District Pullman Management about these car cleaners because the complaint of intimidation is throughout the country which shows that the Independent Federation of Pullman Employees is getting some support from the Pullman Management. Therefore, I would suggest that you put all the heat possible on the Pullman Management in Pittsburgh.

Of course, technically if the woman had a box of Pullman Kleenix and was taking it out it is a bad case.

Now I got a letter from the Calgary District urging that we permit Brother Bellamy to sit in on the Agreement Committee. It looks like we are going to have a whole lot of clamour on this question. I hope you will write him that we want to keep the Committee small and if he continues to clamour, I guess we have to let him come in.

2-Mr. Bennie Smith April 19, 1944

Will see you in Montreal Sunday morning, April 23rd. I am coming over the Delaware and Hudson.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Bennie Smith

April 19, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Brother Henry writes that the youngwoman who was charged with taking away the box of Kleenix was fired. I hope that you will see to it that the case is appealed because if they do it to that worker and get away with it they will do the same to others. There is a general program of intimidation which is being carried on against car cleaners and we have got to fight it.

Will see you in Montreal.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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April 20, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for copies of communication with respect to McKeown for the C. P. R. management. I am not surprised at his attempting to crawfish and crawl in order to delay this matter as long as possible. I am very glad that you explained to him in no uncertain terms as to what we expect, starting Monday at 2;30 p.m.

Now, so far as the basic month is concerned, a precedent has been established according to information that I have received by the dining car group. The Board having ruled 240 hours as a basic month.

Now, I am confident that many of our proposals will not be accepted wholly by the management, but we have presented our proposals, and the next move is up to them, and any rule that we cannot agree upon, that along with the wage rates will be referred to the Commissioner of Industrial Disputes Inquiry Commission or whatever governmental board to pass on matters of that sort. So I see no reason for not completing this matter and making the necessary submissions during this trip.

Looking forward to seeing you in Montreal Sunday, and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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2nd International Vice-President

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April 21, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I wish you would have Brother Wells inquire from Miss Hunter whether we may be able to hold our Convention in the Phyllis Wheatley House and also house our women and men delegates there for an entire week beginning the 18th of September. Of course, we don't guarantee all the delegates will stay throughout the entire week.

We would want to have the Hall where we would hold the meetings and have some rooms available for Committee meetings. Kindly have him find out how much the cost would be for the Meeting Hall together with about three rooms for Committee meetings. Also have him inquire if the men could be housed on one floor and the women accommodated. There will no doubt be about 100 men and as many women. I think it will be well to have this done immediately because I will be planning to send out the Call pretty soon and I will want to include the place where the Convention is to be held.

Also have him to engage a church for the public meeting for Sunday, September 17th in the afternoon.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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May 1, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
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217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to acknowledge receipt of your communication on the date of April 29, and to hope that your return journey was a pleasant one. I succeeded in getting a lower berth after getting on the train, and found much accumulated matter awaiting my return on arrival home.

For your information, I have requested of Brother Wells to inform me as to his next regular meeting or arrange for a meeting during my visit to Cleveland. I think it would be well, inasmuch as I am going there to spend a couple of days, to have a meeting and endeavor to explain to some of the men who are making inquiries as to the back pay. I feel it is necessary to remind them that they haven't paid for the front yet and the necessity in having patience in which time can be worked out and checks issued.

Now a word in connection with the Reverand G. A. Long. I think it is quite okay for us to be responsible for at least $1,000 towards repairs, and I am confident that means can be worked out wherein our various locals can make it up in the form of contributions. It may be necessary however, to tax the larger locals a little more than the smaller locals, but each local should, and I believe will make the necessary contributions. I will write you more on the matter in a few days.

I am also in possession of a copy of a letter addressed to you over the signature of Brother Petgrave of Toronto. I believe I informed you that this bird will do everything except what he was instructed to do, and because of his feeling toward Jackson, he has evidently manipulated to create the impression that it's Jackson's contention, when it sticks out like a sore thumb that it's nothing more than his own creation. At the proper time we will go to Toronto and I am confident that when we explain to the men they will accept our proposal as presented because after all we have nothing yet and will not have until you and McKeown sign the contract in its completed form. In short, the men do not know just what they do want, and even if they did the matter of agreement is the functions of the Agreement Committee as it is or intended to be to bring the greatest good to the greatest number concerned.

The Detroit Division sends congratulations upon your award. Wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Randolph, and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH

B. Smith

May 1, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vic Pres.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

It occurred to me that I should suggest that you, while in Cleveland, look after the question of a musical program for the public mass meeting for the Brotherhood, Sunday, Sept. 17. I would have about two or three numbers with solos or choral singing. In order to be sure that we are going to get what we expect hereafter, you might find out how much they want to sing, and you can plan to get them.

Now if you think that we ought to invite the Mayor to welcome the convention to Cleveland, you may do that, but I would find out if it is his custom to come himself or send one of his Negro Stooges. If it is the latter, then don't invite him, because we want the Mayor and nobody else if we invite him to appear.

Fraternally yours,

APR/lj

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International President

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May 4, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456-58 So. State Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to congratulate you upon your receiving of the award which was most deserving. I am glad to know that everything moves promisingly forward.

In acknowledging your communication of May 2, may I say that I am very glad indeed to have this information as a letter from Brother Wells informed me that they have planned a meeting for May 15 and expect me in Cleveland on that date. In compliance with his request, I will be there Monday, May 15, and remain long as necessary to complete the program contained in yours elsewhere mentioned, and you will be kept informed of all developments as this is a complete outline of the convention program. Thank you again for the same.

I believe your conclusions with respect to the W. L. B. in Canada are correct in view of the fact that we must be guided by their decisions in connection with the wages. I had a letter from Blanchette this morning who sent me a bill for $120.00 and of course I expect one equally as much from Clay of Vancouver. I don't suppose there is a great deal that we can do about it at this time as there is great evidence that many of the men would rather take the brotherhood for a ride than to secure decent wages from the C.P.R. (smile). However, I am suggesting that in the future we cut this Agreement Committee to a maximum of three.

Attached find list of matter decided upon as I took it. I suggest you compare with your notes to determine if I am correct or in error in any of my notes. Your criticism will be appreciated.

For your further information we have sent out letters to the local officials in the states pointing out, in effect, that they have drawn a minimum of $84.00 in increased wages or will have be May 15, and that the tax was due and payable out of the increase, and that according to the Constitution and General Rules if the tax is not paid on or before May 16, they will be unfinancial. I am confident that they realize the necessity of being financial. By this method I hope to be able to collect the greater portion of the tax without the necessity of going to some special expense to take someone off the road who, in many instances, will not increase the tax collections to a very great extent, in most of these smaller districts. However, we will see how it works and our action will be guided by the results obtained.

The madam asked to be remembered to you, and with kindest personal regards I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSALS, C.P.R. MANAGEMENT, APRIL 24-26, 1944

RULE 1. SCOPE.

Paragraph (b) Held for further discussion.

Paragraph (c) Held for further discussion.

Paragraph (d) Held for classification.

RULES 2 to 15. Being tied in with money rules held awaiting War Labor Board decision.

RULE 15. After the word 'in-charge' eliminate 'of'.

RULE 16. Accepted.

RULE 17. Accepted.

RULE 18. Accepted.

RULE 19. Accepted.

RULES 20 to 23 inclusive: Held account tied in with money rules.

RULE 24. Accepted.

RULE 25. Accepted with the striking out after the word 'service' 'This rule shall not be retroactive, but employees heretofore promoted and now filling such positions shall accumulate seniority from_____.'

RULE 26. Accepted.

RULE 27. Accepted.

RULE 28. Accepted.

RULE 29. Accepted with the change in the fourth line from '10' to '20 days', and in the last line from '5' to '10 days', in the first paragraph.

Paragraph 2. Accepted.

Paragraph 3. Accepted with the addition in accordance with Rule 32 after the word 'line'.

Paragraph 4. Accepted.

RULE 30. Paragraph 1 accepted by the management who suggested that employees discuss it further.

Paragraph 2. Accepted.

RULE 31.

Paragraph 1. Held for further discussion.

Paragraph 2. Accepted.

RULE 32. Accepted with the striking out of 'three and ½ employees'.

RULE 33. Accepted with the addition after the word 'application', in Paragraph 2, 'without ~~his~~ expense to the company'.

RULE 34. Accepted with the exception of Paragraph 4 in connection with witness service.

RULE 35. Accepted.

RULE 36. Accepted with the change from '15' to '10 days' and the addition after the word 'written' 'registered'.

RULE 37. Accepted.

RULE 38. Paragraph 1 held in abeyance for further discussions.

Paragraphs 2 and 3. Accepted.

RULE 39. Paragraph 1. Accepted.

(a) to be referred to the law department of the C.P.R.

(b) & (c) Accepted.

RULE 40. Held for further discussion.

RULE 41. To be worked out and strike out the word in line seven 'general' after the word 'the'.

RULE 42. Accepted.

RULE 43. Accepted.

RULE 44. To be worked out and adjusted. Answer 1 accepted.

RULE 45. Accepted with the working out of final tribunal in Paragraph 2.

RULE 46. Accepted.

RULE 47. Accepted.

RULE 48. Accepted with the change from '15' to '10 days'.

RULE 49. Accepted.

RULE 50. Accepted with the addition 'in writing, reason stated' after the word 'request'.

RULE 51. Accepted with the striking out after the word 'occupied' 'This rule shall not take precedence over Rule 26.'

RULE 52. Eliminated on the grounds that the management would remedy the situation. If remedied there is no reason for the rule.

RULE 53. Held in abeyance account tied in with money rules, and will be known as RULE 52.

RULE 54 now will be called RULE 53. Accepted.

RULE 55 now RULE 54. Accepted but must determine proper tribunal.

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May 10, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1735 24th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I am leaving for Cleveland Sunday to remain as long as it is necessary in connection with the program for the convention. Brother Webster informs me that it is possible for him to meet me in Cleveland and be present at a joint meeting that is planned and also assist and advise in the arrangements elsewhere mentioned. I am writing Brother Wells to that effect and you will be kept informed of the developments.

For your further information I received the expense account of Brother McLaughlin of Vancouver in the sum of $174.80 for his trip as a member of the Agreement Committee. It is my studied opinion that in view of the fact that the members should be acquainted with the proposals presented and the succeeding meetings being only an effort to obtain only all possible that is contained in those proposals it will hardly be necessary to have such a large Agreement Committee meeting in Montreal in the succeeding conferences, unless of course you feel otherwise.

I was very glad to get a copy of the bulletin sent out to the Canadian divisions. It clarifies the whole situation regardless to what the members of the Agreement Committee may have expressed in meetings assembled, and in support of same I have written to each of the Presidents or Secretary-Treasurers of the Canadian divisions insisting that the bulletin be read in each meeting in support of the proposals presented so I am confident if this is carried out the membership as a whole will have a true picture of the whole situation.

Everything else moves forward over the zone, and we have stressed the necessity of the payment of tax to the local officials of the various divisions in the states.

Billboard Jackson was in to see me this week while passing through the city. He hopes to be able to be in Cleveland at our convention. He also expressed his pleasure in your not accepting the candidatcy for congress on the grounds that there is so much more that you could do for the cause of democracy by not being in congress at this time.

Wishing to be remembered to all the sisters and brothers on the West Coast; the madam joins me in kindest personal regards to yourself.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

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May 18, 1944

Ans. 5/24/44

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1716 Seventh Street
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Randolph:

I have just returned from Cleveland at which place Brother Webster joined me, and we held some very enthusiastic meetings. In addition thereto I outlined the full program of the convention to the membership. The necessary committees have been established and work immediately is supposed to go forward.

In addition thereto I visited several churches in the Negro neighborhood but before reaching a decision on either of them to hold a mass meeting, the committee will call on the authorities with a view of securing the civic auditorium for the public meeting on Sunday, September 17, and from all the places that I was able to see it seems to me that Jane Hunter of the Phyllis Wheatley has the best lay-out. Now she will not be able to take care of any of the delegates due to the crowded condition of the home. She was willing, however, to furnish some cots but of course we do not want that. As for the housing condition it seems that that committee will eventually have to secure places mostly in the home. There are, however, remote possibilities of the Majestic Hotel on 55th Street by that time being in a position to house a large number of delegates as it was my information that it has recently gone under new management and is to be renovated thoroughly and new furnishings to replace the old which is absolutely necessary. Should this develop that will ease the situation somewhat.

As you can understand we were only able to go into the preliminaries but you will be kept informed constantly as to developments. If a better place is later discovered for the purpose of holding a convention, consideration will be given same. The only thing at Jane Hunters is that she has only two committee rooms on the first floor and one of her policies is there will be no smoking on the first floor. But the auditorium for the convention is an ideal place and the best place that I saw in Cleveland during my stay for the purpose.

As you suggested, it is my considered judgment also that Brother Totten, upon receipt of bills, pay himself by check. Everything else moves promisingly forward, and I will keep constantly in touch with you.

Wishing to be remembered to Brother Dellums and all the brothers and sisters of Oakland. The madam joins me in kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
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May 19, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1716 Seventh Street
Oakland, California

Ans. 5-24-44

Dear Brother Randolph:

The attached is self-explanatory in connection with respect to the N.C. & St. L. train porters. I am not sure if we have any of the men on that road. However, I have requested this Brother to furnish me with the information as to the number of employees of this classification of the above-mentioned road. When I have heard from him the same will be passed along to you for your consideration and instructions.

Also attached find copy of letter from Billboard Jackson. It is quite evident that he desires to be present during our convention. We can handle that situation of course and if in some of the sessions should you desire after the meeting is completed we will have a few remarks from him.

I forgot to mention in the previous letter that Thomas A. Lenehan of the Cleveland Federation of Labor has agreed to delivery the welcome address and cooperate in any way possible. It seems that the Cleveland Federation is the same set-up as the central labor body. Lenehan asked that I remember him to you. He informed me that he knows you quite well having met you in many of the A. F. of L. conventions.

Everything else moves promisingly forward and due to the letters we sent out or other reasons tax payments have been coming in nicely both in Detroit and many of the districts of the zone.

Trusting that your sojourn in the West will be most pleasant and your return journey safe. With kindest personal regards I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH

PS. The management has agreed to give the car cleaner in Pittsburgh another hearing and I plan if I can keep Henry in line to go over myself and handle the case inasmuch as we have another whiskey case there to be handled on the 26th. I shall plan to get a postponement from that date in view of the fact that I have been served with a jury summons for May 26 and I will be unable to argue for an excuse or rather be excused until that date. This however depends on the possibility of being able to prevent Henry from writing letters to the management. It is difficult to keep some of these local fellows from doing the wrong thing. I have also been informed that conditions in Cincinnati need my attention, and while making the trip to Pittsburgh it will be necessary that I visit Cincinnati. Lee I am sure is doing all he can in the best way he knows how, and of course Hubbard being retired leaves the problem for Lee.

B.S.

1046 - 29th Ave.No.
Nashville 8, Tenn.

Mr. Bennie Smith
Detroit, Mich.

Sir,

Bro. W. M. Royster of this city suggested that I write you in the interest of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Ry. train porters. These men want to organize and affiliate with the A.F. of L. I have assisted in arousing this interest but do not know the procedure of organizing them. Will you give this information?

For your information I am connected with the Dining Car Dept. of the same road. We are organized and I would like to see the porters receive the benefits of an organization.

Any suggestion or help that you will give will be appreciated.

Respectfully
Steve Frierson

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26 Broadway
NEW YORK

J.A. Jackson

May 17, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Mich.

My dear friend:

Just a few lines to tell you how please I was to have found you in when I called at your office, Even though my time was short, I should have felt that I had not really been to Detroit had I not seen you. Please convey my compliments to the boys of your jurisdiction.

It seems that I have forgotten the date you name for the Cleveland meeting. In you reply I would appreciate you again telling me the exact date so that I may see to it that my own schedules are so adjusted that I may be among those present when the gavel falls.

With best personal regards and my sincere wished for the continued progress of the organization, I remain

Yours very truly,

James A. Jackson

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May 19, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1716 Seventh Street
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Randolph:

Attached find copy of letter I received from one of the Brotherhood men overseas. He has been in the Armed Services for more than a year and we have been sending him occasionally THE BLACK WORKER and writing to him as often as time permits. It is just further evidence of the thoughts of many of the Negro boys in the Armed Services of our country with respect to your cause.

I have also this day received a bill from Brother Coward in the sum of $29.25 covering his expenses and your telephone calls during our last visit. I suppose I may as well approve it and send it in for Brother Totten to pay. You no doubt will receive some communication from Brother Coward on the reaction of some of the members with respect to the proposals presented which is contrary to the information I received from Brother Jones who informed me that the membership in meetings assembled enthusiastically approved of the proposals in full. Of course it is expected of those who have had no experience whatsoever in the formulation or presentation of a trade union agreement. Some of them may think they want a thing that may prove detrimental to them. In short it is hardly worthy of comment or any thought given by you.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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2nd International Vice-President

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May 12, 1944

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Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Pullman Porters

Dear Sir:

Your letter was received and on May 1, and were very glad to hear from you. Mr. Smith I want you to know I do appreciate your answering of my letter. I also received the two papers which I really did enjoy reading. I must say I am some glad to see the progress that Mr. A. Philip Randolph are making with our people and I do hope he will be very successful with his program, So when the boys return they will be able to live in peace in the country they are fighting for. Mr. Smith there are thousands and thousands of our boys over here and each and every boy that you meet is 100% for Mr. A. Philip Randolph and especially his terms of March on Washington. I must say again that what we need and more of is men like Mr. Randolph, and after the war I hope to return back to where I will be able to join in helping such men as you and him in your good works for benefit of our race which is always kept down so much. I do hope that one day that our people will learn to pull together as all other races and countrys do. I want you to know that ever time you write or send me the papers it is highly appreciated. I remain your friend and also your member of the Brotherhood of Pullman Cars.

Sgt. T. C. Parent

Smith

May 24, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

You and Web did a good job in working out the plans to hold the Brotherhood's Convention in Cleveland. I am glad that you set up the machinery there and that it will now proceed to carry out instructions you have given it. Now on the question of a public meeting in the city auditorium. I wonder if we can fill that auditorium. It will take quite a bit of high powered advertising to do it. I imagine that this auditorium will seat about 10,000 people or more and 5,000 will appear to be a small audience there. We don't want a meeting to appear to be a failure. If we got a colored church and packed it I think it would be better. Let me know how many people the city auditorium will hold so we can decide whether we will try it or not.

No doubt we will be able to get adequate housing in the Majestic Hotel and the new hotel. I am glad to know that the Majestic is being improved because it was full of rats when I was last there, both animal and human and nobody was sure of coming out with everything he carried there.

I note your observation on the organization of train porters on the N. C. & St. L. When you get all of the facts on it we will go into it and decide whether we can undertake to organize them or not.

I am glad to know that Thomas A. Lenehan, President of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, has consented to speak at our convention. I don't think we will have any other outsiders. Of course if we decide to hold our convention in the city auditorium we might try and get William Green to come out and speak.

The trip of C. L. and myself of the Pacific Zone has been quite a success. Although the weather is cold out here and I am not getting all the heat I expected.

I am glad that you are going to Pittsburgh when the hearing is held for the car cleaners. If we can get this young woman back to work it will help our movement to organize the car cleaners. It is important that you be there so that you can handle the hearings. Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:aap

Smith

May 24, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd International Vice-President
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1308 Broadway - Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I approve of the expense Brother Coward has sent you and you may OK same and he can deduct it from his remittances to Brother Totten or I will have Brother Totten send him a check which ever way you would like to have it arranged.

I am glad to see the letter from Sgt. T. C. Parent. It is fine that you have been sending him copies of the Black Worker. Your letter to him gave him encouragement.and hope.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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June 13, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
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2313 Steward St. Plaza
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Brother Randolph:

Pursuant to my day letter this a.m. the attached copies are self-explanatory with respect to instructions to the Canadian divisions and the divisions in the States.

If this can be construed by any of the members as a deadline and no more dues collected, then I plead quilty. In thinking over the matter it's my conclusions that some of the hookey players have placed their own interpretation upon the information as given them by some of the local officers as a result of this letter. However, if you have any information in connection with this that is not in my possession, if forwarded to me I may be able to run down the rumor.

The madam asks to be remembered to you, and with kindest personal regards I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

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Enclosures-2

June 6, 1944

President and Sec'y-Treasurer
Cleveland Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir and Brothers:

The time has now arrived for nominations and elections of officers for the insuing term comprising of the President, 1st and 2nd Vice-President, 5, 7, or 9 members of the Local Executive Board, Delegates to the Convention, and Auditing Committees.

Nominations are to be made from the floor in meetings assembled. Nominations in June, elections in July. The number of days may be determined by your eligible list and their operations. It is the duty of the secretary-treasurer to prepare a list of eligibles to hold office and a list of eligible voters. The former is comprised of those who have been continuously financial for two years preceeding the election.

The words 'continuously financial' is defined as never being in arrears exceeding three months during the two years immediately preceeding election. An eligible voters list is comprised of members who are financial at the time of nominations and elections. Each member who is eligible for participation should and must be notified as to the date, time, and place, also the purpose for which his presence is requested. The duration to be governed by the longest operation of your district; a minimum of five (5) days and maximum of fifteen (15) days. The number of hours may be designated each day between certain hours if agreed upon with a view of convenience to the majority of members concerned. Kindly send to this office a copy of your prepared list of eligibles when completed.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

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CANADIAN DIVISIONS

June 5, 1944

President and Sec'y-Treasurer
Winnipeg Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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June 16, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
625 Parallel Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that upon further inquiry I discovered that the men in Nashville have taken the position that they will not pay any more dues until they receive their back pay, and it was not a question of the secretary-treasurer not accepting their dues because of the non-payment of the tax.

Occasionally some misguided groups will endeavor to try to force an issue by doing the wrong thing. In short, they are attempting, according to information, to be guided by a few of the disgruntled in the district such as Henry Pope,the porter instructor, who has quite and-influence on C. O. Jordan, and for some reason C. O. Jordan holds a bitterness against Royster for no reason in the world other than Royster tries to comply with the policies and principles of the Brotherhood and this guy only waited so long to come into the organization. Since he has come in, he has tried to be a local trouble-maker. Hence my request for a trip to Nashville to get some of those birds straightened out.

Attached hereto find copy of decision in the car cleaners case at Pittsburgh. Personally, I consider it a victory when you take due consideration of the circumstances surrounding the case and while I argued for compensation as a result of the unproven charges I do not feel that anything could be gained by an appeal. You may however, give some thought to the matter and if you so desire discuss the matter of appeal with Brother Webster, but as is elsewhere-mentioned, I do not feel that we should crowd our luck in view of the fact that we have no machinery with respect to cleaners procedure on matters of such nature. Everything else moves promiseingly forward with respect to the Brotherhood.

At the meeting of the M. O. W. M. on the evening of the 14th there were several in attendance and we got one new member. The Detroit unit will have one or more delegates in attendance at the Conference.

Will keep in touch with you. The Madam joins me in kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH

Enclosure

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

704 Gulf Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.,
June 13, 1944

**REGISTERED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

COPY

Mrs. Johnnie Barnwell
3343 Ridgeway St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Madam:

I have carefully reviewed the transcript of the hearing accorded you in my office on June 8, 1944 and I am of the opinion that the charge preferred against you, as set forth in my letter to you dated June 6, 1944, has been fully substantiated.

Therefore, it is my decision that you be assessed with an actual suspension of 90 days without pay. This suspension shall be in force from March 20, 1944 to June 17, 1944, inclusive. Please report for work on the morning of June 18, 1944.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. R. Hickson

General Foreman

JRH:s

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July 7, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

This will acknowledge with thanks receipt of copy of telegram under date of July 6 addressed to C. O. Jordan, 1206 - 9th Ave., Nashville, Tennessee; and copy of letter addressed to you over the signature of C. O. Jordan under date of June 29, 1944, and may I quote your telegram addressed to me from Denver under date of June 12. Quote:

> "Bennie Smith                    1944 Jun 12 PM 1100
> 1307 Broadway (Det)
>
> Understand some porters in Pittsburgh and Nashville under the impression theres a dead line set on payment of tax after which no dues are payable. Kindly correct this error. No dead line has been set on payment of tax as yet.
>
> A. Phillip Randolph"

Also permit me to refer you to a letter addressed to you under date of June 16, 625 Parallel Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, and I quote the first two paragraphs of that letter:

> "Just a word to say that upon further inquiry I discovered that the men in Nashville have taken the position that they will not pay any more dues until they receive their back pay, and it was not a question of the secretary-treasurer not accepting their dues because of the non-payment of the tax.
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Now it will be noted from the above-mentioned that the question involved was refusing dues payments until tax was paid and not the question as to eligibility with respect to continuously financial. As I see it, this has, and will continue to cause considerable confusion and total disregard of instructions of the Zone Supervisor, bulletins issued from the International headquarters over your signature, and the adoptions of resolutions in convention assembled.

Now it is my hope that you will not regard this as my raising any particular issue because I believe that my past record will disclose that I have always,and will continue to do so,carried out any order, regardless, that you may issue until the same has been repudiated by you. Therefore, I assume the full responsibility for instructing Royster and other secretary-treasurers under my supervision in the preparation of their eligible office holders and eligible voters lists, based on the General Order issued from the International office over your signature, dates January 1, 1944, and I have had nothing from you to the contrary. The increase was paid February 15, 1944. On and after May 15, 1944, exceeded three months.

I quote the fifth and sixth paragraph of that General Order: I also quote the seventh paragraph:

> "TIME ALLOWED FOR PAYMENT OF TAX: According to the constitution and laws of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters a member is unfinancial when his dues are in arrears over a period of three months. The tax therefore must be paid within a period of three months from the date it is due.
>
> DUESNON-PAYABLE IF TAX UNPAID: If after the period of three months the above stated tax is unpaid the monthly dues of the member is non-payable and will not be accepted until the said tax is paid.
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> PREVIOUS TAX DUE: In addition to the tax hereby levied, payable and due as of the date of the wage increase, the "old tax" of $12 which was levied December 1, 1941, if unpaid, must be paid also within the three months limit or dues will be non-payable and will not be accepted until the new and old tax have been paid."

In support thereof I refer you to Page 82 in the report of proceedings of the third biennial convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, September 13th to 18th, 1942, a resolution that was adopted from the New York division clarifying 'continuously financial'. I quote:

> "RESOLUTION No. 51:
>
> BE IT RESOLVED, That following the word "establish" in the last line of paragraph one of Article VI, shall be inserted "CONTINUOUSLY FINANCIAL IS DEFINED AS NEVER BEING IN ARREARS EXCEEDING THREE (3) MONTHS DURING THE TWO (2) YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION." "

Now if you have issued any bulletins or instructions to the contrary I am sorry that I was over-looked and did not get such instructions, and I believe that you can understand that in view of the aforementioned as to why I felt that I was justified in issuing instructions to the various division under my supervision as to what constituted eligibility for office and eligibility for voters.

I will appreciate the information immediately if I should instruct my divisions to disregard my instructions with respect to eligibility for office or eligibility in the preparation of the eligible voters list.

However, this tax provision did not apply in the instructions to the Canadian divisions.

I have purposely omitted the quotations in paragraphs four and eight of the General Order as it only adds to the confusion of the Order as I understood it.

In appreciation of your past instructions and assuring you that your order will be carried out regardless, and wishing to be remembered to Mrs. Randolph the Madam joins me in kindest personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH

Smith

July 11, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed letters which are self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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July 19, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Whitelaw Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to hope that you were able to secure better accommodations to Washington and to say that my return journey was safe and pleasant.

In my opinion our accomplishments in Cleveland on this visit could not have been improved upon. Much progress was made and I am indeed glad you were with me on this particular trip as we did accomplish much. Perhaps it can be arranged for Wells to lay off on or about the time that we will open the office in Cleveland, and during the interim we can whip everything in shape and much as possible can be accomplished and from that time on we should be able to drive to a successful conclusion.

For your further information I had a nice trip out to Bennie Mason's farm with the gang and I must say it was a most pleasant evening.

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory and my reply thereto.

The latest available information is that a decision is almost certain to come down next week on the rail wage award at Canada. The War Labor Board is still considering the case.

The elections in Toronto, Columbus, and Detroit have been completed and from all available information all moves promiseingly forward over the zone.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH
Enclosure

COPY

126 - 13th Ave. No.
Nashville 3, Tenn.
7-17-44

Mr. Bennie Smith

Dear Sir:

Was pleased to receive your speedy answer and must say it was self-explanatory that we have reached a dead end.

To answer your letter completely, I must do some repeting and further explaining.

The T.C.R.R. Co. has sold the privilege of their lunch room to an individual who also sell the T. C. supplies for their Buffet & Dining Car. The new owner fired all of the T. C. Colored help and replaced them with white. There were two men the company had used in the lunch room up until it changed owners, that were returned to their former jobs, one as "shop helper" and the other was a "car cleaner", and Both are union men in their particular line of work. Now as they are already in unions, they are eleminated from this group.

I still say the men that we were discussing in the past, are the four regular line men who work every day on the road and of the four men in question you already have 75%.

Now, if you can't do anything for the three of us according to facts that have been mentioned, It is nothing left for us to consider other than ask for a refund of our membership fee's.

Altho I am very sorry to learn that we could not enjoy your protection.

Respt.

/s/ Thos. D. Britt

July 19, 1944

Mr. Thomas D. Britt
126 - 13th Avenue No.
Nashville 3, Tenn.

COPY

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent communication requesting a refund of yours and two other T. C. porters of your initiation fee and one months dues paid into the Brotherhood October, November 1943, based on the assumption that nothing has or can be done by the Brotherhood for you men.

For your further information the same is bein referred to the proper authorities for consideration with respect to same. I was very glad to get that statement from you as it discloses the true picture of the men involved and proves that there are yet some employees in the industry, however few, that hope and pray for results but are not willing to work for the causes that brings it about.

For your further information the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is not a bargain-counter proposition. Our record discloses that on October 6, 1943, three men of your classification on the T. & C. paid $15.00 each towards membership and on Novemeber 8, 1943 balance fee and November dues. No further dues credits are recorded and in view of that fact nothing more need be mentioned here with respect to membership other than attempt to point out had the membership of the trade-union movement accepted the view contained in your recent communication by paying initiation fee and one months dues then stopped and waited for results, the American labor movement would not have been in existence today as the payments of fees and continuous dues into a trade-union are for the purpose to enable the organization to work towards the improvement of wages and working condition with no definite date as to the change, as the history of the labor movement will disclose.

Again thanking you for the recent communication and with kindest personal regards permit me to remain,

Very truly yours,

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH

Names and addresses I promised you from Detroit:

Mrs. R. W. Jefferies
6758 Scotten Avenue
10

Mrs. Mary Hutchings
6314 Ironwood
10

B. Smith

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July 20, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456-58 So. State St., 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am in receipt of letters addressed to you over the signature of Ray Frazier and E. A. Best of Vancouver, and may I say that Frazier's letter is not in accord with the facts and this is supported by the attached under date of May 29 covering the subject matter.

I will write Best today.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

BS:MH

P.S. Just talked to Coward of Montreal long-distance. He informed me that the election was completed yesterday and that S.R. Lewis was elected President, E.D.J. Barthelomew, Vice-President J.S. Green, 2nd Vice-President, and himself Secretary-treasury. Brother Jones was elected to the Executive Board. He informed me that the election was conducted from July 3rd to 18th inclusive and the longest run in the district is thirteen days, and that Brother Jones has raised the question that owing to the few men who voted it should have been held open another day. After all 5 days is the minimum and 15 days the maximum under the Constitution and I see no reason for an extra day if 13 days covers the longest run and 14 actual voting days not including Sundays were set.

B.S.

May 29, 1944

Mr. Ray Frazier
880 East Georgia, Apt. 6
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This will acknowledge your communication on the date of May 26 in connection with your transfer from the C.P.R. to the Pullman Company, and may I say that if such was the case you are not employed by the C.P.R. but by the Pullman Company.

Evidently your information about retaining your seniority under those conditions was falsified as the only form of company made agreement between its porter employees and the C.P.R. management dating as of July 16, 1927, in Paragraph F of supposed to be Rule 8 under the seniority list provisions reads as follows:

> "(F) LOSS OF SENIORITY. A porter who has been out of the service more than a year if reengaged comes back to all intents and purposes, a new porter and seniority will date only from date of reengagement."

In view of the above-mentioned provisions your case, of necessity, would be based thereon and even if successful in our negotations with respect to matters of this nature when signed can not be made retroactive. However, if the facts are different from what I glean from your letter, then the picture could be changed. Otherwise, of necessity, you are bound by those provisions.

You will be informed through the local representative of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters of the Vancouver Division when negotiations for that group of workers have been completed. Until then keep up the good work and permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

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MR= BENNIE SMITH SECOND INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
1308 BROADWAY DETROIT= MICHIGAN=

JUST GOT TELEPHONE CALL FROM VICTOR I= COWARD INQUIRING ABOUT PROCEDURE IN THE ELECTIONS IN MONTREAL DIVISION OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC= I TOLD HIM THAT THINGS SHOULD BE CARRIED ON ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM OF THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE PRESENT SETUP= HE SAID THAT HE TOLD THE MEN THIS AND THAT YOU HAD VIRTUALLY TOLD HIM THE SAME THING BUT HE WANTED SOME OFFICIAL MATTER TO PRESENT TO THE MEN= WOULD ADVISE THAT YOU SEND

BY DIRECT WIRE FROM

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HIM A TELEGRAM STATING THAT THE ELECTION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM AND SETUP AND CONSTUTUTIONAL PROVISIONS AS THEY ARE. I AM NOT SENDING MESSAGE MYSELF TO HIM BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO HANDLE THE WHOLE MATTER.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH.

1006 - 16th Ave. N.,
Nashville 8, Tennessee
July 17, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway
Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

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Dear Bro.Smith:

I am writing you concerning one of our Pullman Car Cleaners,.Bro Buford White # 48 who was fired July 15th. Since they haven't gotten their contract as yet,I don't know how the case will be, but with your ability in cases of this nature I really hope you can do something for this man. When he related his story to me my mind went back to the Pittsburg case. Now it seems to me every man they let out is a man that has started with the Brothehood. They fired one other man, the first one I wrote. It seems they are tryiny to throw a chill on the men, they are weakking anywayand they are trying to take advantage of that. I hope and trust you will put forth every effort possible to get him back to work and make a example for the other men.
Now this is the story told to m:

The foreman ask Brother White tosweep a car, he did so. Then the Superintendent Mr. Rogers walked through and looked at the car, then the foreman called White and ask White to sweep the car again, he did. And after he swept the car the second time White called the foreman and showed him what he had gotten out of the car which wasn't anything but lint, he said the rug was dirty and could not be cleaned with a broom. This car had been out out on a troop movement and was in a very bad condition. There was not any words passed. When he finished the car the foreman Mr. Monarchcalled White and told him tocome to the office and he would have his time ready. If it is possible at this time please take this case up.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ L. T. Holt

L. T. Holt

LTH/vh

Bennie Smith

July 22, 1944
720 Versailles St.
Montreal

Mr. B. Smith
2nd International Vice-President B.S.C.P.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of your last letter dated July 11th and contents noted. The Canadian National porters were elated when I read your letter to them. After reading this letter to Mr. Blake this made a great impression on him. This gentleman is the exponent of this movement. I recoppied paragraph one and three and he carried it around to those men who were not present. I know they will appreciate your reply when ever you write them.

I am authorized by some of the Brothers to inform you of Brother Cowards action. I instructed him to carry on the nomination and the election as we did with the C.P.R. The Nomination started June 5th. I was in Toronto on that date I arrived in Montreal July 6th. On the 7th I was given a list from the Secretary showing these men were nominated. I told him then the voting will start July 19th providing all the western men had been given a chance to nominate officers of their choice. When I opened the meeting July 19th arriving from Winnipeg that date as I have now started on this new run. I was asked to suspend the Regular Business and go into the Counting of the Ballots. I at that time did not see a list from the Secretary showing how many men had voted. When I checked up the Secretary's with mine I found fifty men who had not vote and their names were checked off on Bro. Cowards list. Some of these men are running to St. John, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver. I went around the next day and found some of these men who never went near the Hall. We have in our Midst a click that hangs around the P.M.B.A. who will never come near a meeting when I preside. Because they cannot dominate a meeting when I am ther. There are more meetings held in the P.M.B.A. than are held in our meeting hall and Bro. Coward attends all of these meetings. Mr. Lewis and Green are always there. This click demanded the votes be counted and when they were counted every second vote was Bro. Lewis President; Bro Green 1st Vice President, Bro Coward Delegate to the Convention. One of these envelopes they were no votes for me as president they were all S.R.Lewis President. Then a few was Bartholemew Some were C. Bynoe, a few was H. Jones Secretary-Treasurer, and V.I. Coward Delegate to the Convention, S.R.Lewis President and J. Jones 1st Vice President. Then one envelope gave me about eight ballots. So when the final count was made S.R. Lewis had 13 votes for President I had 10, V. I. Coward, Secretary-Treasurer and delegate to the convention. I never said anything after these ballots were counted. I continued the Business of the Meeting . When I checked up the second time all the names on Brother Cowards list he had 114 who were eligible to vote and they were checked off. I am positively sure fifty of these men did not vote. Now I have demanded him to continue this voting until the end of July, and I am calling a special meeting on July 27th to see that all these men be given their sovereign rights to vote. This clcik that is trying to keep dissension in our midst is

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Bro. Smith

just that gang waited to see weather we were going to fall down or stand up, as you have said on many occasions, they were waiting to see the home built and furnish, and then move in and dominate it. I have inform Mr. Coward that this voting will not be closed until July 31st. He told me this cannot go any further. I quote article six of the Constitution to him in the order. I sent him voting shall be conducted for as many day as the Condition of Runs in the District warrant. I am leaving Montreal tonight for Winnipeg, , and will be back here on the 27th of July. Sister Jones is improving wonderfully and extends her best wishes for you and Bro. Randolph. I have not written Bro. Randolph personally but I know you will convey to him all I have told you. I have in our midst some very sincere men, in spirit and truth with the movement of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, But I am sure a thunder cloud would have to strike some of these men to open their eyes. Please tender my best wishes for Bro. Randolph's health to him.

I remain benevolently yours,

/s/ J. Jones, President B.S.C.P.
Fat. A.F. of L.

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B Smith

1919 North Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana
July 22, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

We would like to reopen the case of lines 6559 and 2571, Indianapolis to New York and return on Penn. Train #30. These lines were instituted April 26, 1942, and should have been awarded the district or agency with the senior porters of that date. Penn. Terminal District asked for an extension of time, which was a violation of our contract, and after having this extension of time was awarded the lines and Indianapolis had men running extra five years the senior of their youngest regular line porter.

This gross unfair treatment of the Indianapolis porters created unfavorable reaction all over the St. Louis zone.

We ask you to take this matter up with the National Executive Board of our organization, and we are positive that they will recommend the company rectify this unfair situation.

The reason for our organizing was favoritism and insecurity. If this decision is allowed to stand unchallenged, we have given the company an opening wedge to create disunity in our organization.

This change involves only 7½ men. Not very much to Penn. Terminal, but is of great importance to Indianapolis with nineteen year men running extra.

Hoping for your fullest co-operation, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Robert A Heston

(Copy sent to Mr. A. Phillip Randolph.)

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July 24, 1944

Mr. J. Jones
President, Montreal C.P.R. Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
720 Versailles Street
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Brother Jones:

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your very informative letter in connection with the recent election of your division and in compliance with your request I am passing the matter along to Brother Randolph, should he have some suggestion to offer me in connection with same.

During the interim may I say that under no consideration should Brotherhood meetings be held in the P.M.B.A. in view of the fact that we have a meeting hall where the business of the organization should be conducted. For your further infromation I am requesting of Brother Coward to forward to me the results of the election including the number of eligible voters, the number of votes cast, and the number of days for the voting.

I note from your communication that nominations started June 5th but there is no date as to the close of the nominations. You mention that voting started July 19th. You are quite right with respect to the provision in connection with voting, that is, to be governed by the longest operation in the district, a minimum of five days and a maximum of fifteen. Now, in view of the fact that thirteen days covers the longest operarion of the Montreal division then thriteen days for voting should suffice provided however the men were notified as to the date when voting would start. Any operation to Vancouver whice I believe is the longest operation even though a man going out on the fifth would return in time to cast his vote before th voting closed, and should a member disfranchize himself by failure to come to the poles and vote, then of course you cannot hold the poles open to benefit some disinterested or indifferent member. However, when I have all this information before me I shall be glad to go into the matter in detail.

I am looking forward to seeing you and many other members at the convention regardless to whether they are delegates or not.

Keep up the good work and permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President

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July 28, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456-58 So. State St., 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

This is to request your consideration for $100.00 in connection with a request from the Detroit And Wayne County Federation of Labor.

For your further information, Martel has levied various amounts for all of the affiliated locals of the Central Labor Body to pay off a mortgage on the Labor Temple and the Detroit divisions contribution is the above-mentioned sum. Now they will issue stocks for the contribution, but between you and I it will have no intrinsic value. It will, however, have its moral value as our contribution to the Labor Temple or labor's home in Detroit. All things considered I believe it is our obligation. I realize it is a local obligation but the local has no money and in view of the fact that approximately 50% of my zone allocation is deposited to the credit of the International, the local allocation is needed and is not always sufficient together with the allocation received from the zone to meet current expenses. Hence this request.

Your consideration will be deeply appreciated and if the same meets with your consent have Totten make out the check payable to the Labor Temple Association or, if you so desire, to me and I will endorse the same over to them.

We had a very enthusiastic local Brotherhood meeting yesterday and from all appearances it looks like we will be able to collect at least 75% of the job security tax of the present membership before the back pay is received.

Attached find copy of portion of a letter just received from Petgrave which is self-explanatory, and while I am not so sure that we should delve into this matter at present, I will appreciate your observations in view of the fact that we have no control over the method of employment by the C.P.R.

Trusting that you are meeting with every success in your endeavors and with kindest personal regards permit me toremain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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Enclosure

49 Denison Avenue,
Toronto 2B, Ontario,
July 27, 1944.

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

A condition now exists in this district of Toronto, aggravated by the type of men that are being brought here by the Management of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, from time to time. Complaints have come to me regarding their behaviour, not only on the Company's premises but too, elsewhere other than the Company's premises. I have seen fit to call the Grievance Committee and discuss this matter in its entirety, finding out that it is the policy of the Company not to hire any men from Canada if that can be avoided.

In Canada, because of certain Wartime Regulations, no person or company employing labour may employ any person or persons without first registering with the Regional Selective Service Department, and too, no person or persons requiring to be employed may obtain employment without first registering with the Regional Selective Service Department. This action of the Government as a necessary measure guarantees to the Government where every person is and what each person is doing.

We have been acquainted with the fact that the agent who makes periodic trips to the South for the purpose of employing men has never used caution in procuring them but has on each occasion hired them promiscuously, without regard for character, references, etc. These men coming here, realising that they are away from the South, and believing that they are freer to act as they please, overdo their actions, causing the Negro citizens of Toronto a great deal of embarrassment. There have been the odd student coming in with these men who too deplores the employing of this type of men.

The Grievance Committee waited on Mr. Anderson yesterday to ascertain what could be done to mitigate this serious situation. We questioned him on the action he takes on the procurement of men. He informed us at first that the C.P.R. was not registered with the S. S. Department but very quickly changed that statement, (because of the repercussion that may result) He then said that they were registered but owing to the shortage of men that the S.S. had never sent any to fill these jobs.

We then went to the offices of the Regional Selective Service Department to get information regarding this matter. We were told that the C.P.R. has no order filed with the department for the employment of men as sleeping car porters. This statement by the official in charge

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of this department definitely makes the statements of Mr Anderson untrue.

The S.S. Department advises that this matter must be reported to the Dominion Selective Service Department, under Mr. MacNamarra, at Ottawa, who will have the matter investigated, and that without partiality.

It will be necessary, however for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, by its representatives tender a detailed report of the prevailing conditions, with the names of some of these men so employed, which will be used as proof that the C.P.R. has been breaking the law. We have been assured that the D.S.S. will do everything to remedy this condition after the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has acted.

I shall be glad to hear from you regarding this matter with instructions on the handling of same, and that at your earliest convenience.

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Fraternally yours,

/s/ V. I. Petgrave

V. I. Petgrave, President
Toronto Division, C.P.R.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH

**SUBJECT FILE** BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Smith, Bennie

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August 2, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456-58 So. State St., 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Randolph:

Pursuant to my wire, I am attaching hereto a clipping from the Toronto GLOBE AND MAIL under an Ottawa date line of July 31. I believe it advisable to secure a copy of the wage award from the minister of labor at Ottawa before we proceed as we will have something authentic upon which to deal.

Wells informs me that Totten has mailed him a check in the sum of $783.00 towards the expenses of the convention. I am writing him today for the latest developments after which the same will be passed along to you.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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P.S. The attached is the type of matter sent out by Sidney Hillman.

Bennie Smith

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July 25, 1944

My dear Friend:

I write to you on behalf of my 88 fellow members of the National Citizens Political Action Committee to request your help.

We are a non-partisan organization, representative of labor, farm, business and professional groups, pledged to work for the election of President Roosevelt and a progressive Congress. We believe that all liberals, in and out of the labor movement, must join forces to assure that hard-won social gains at home and the bloody victories achieved abroad, shall not be lost on November 7th.

Less than 650 working hours remain until Election Day. Before that day of decision we must throw the full phalanx of the progressive forces into this battle. We must carry through the campaign already begun by the CIO Political Action Committee to get millions of apathetic voters to the poll We must continue to emphasize to all voters the urgency of the issues facing our nation and the world.

We seek your help. We want you to assist in mobilizing the electorate so that November 7 will see a big vote - a vote which honestly reflects the public will. We want your suggestions as to how we can make political action a democratic reality across the nation. We want your financial support, either the support you can offer personally or the financial support you can obtain for us in your community.

The contributions must come from individuals. During the period preceding the nominations and the beginning of the election campaign proper, the CIO Political Action Committee was free to carry on these programs from union funds. Now, under Federal law, many of these activities can no longer be financed from this source. The money to do the job must come from voluntary individual contributions. So your help is very necessary.

We want your cooperation, your thoughts, your time, your money, everything you can offer to help assure a better-than-ever America.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sidney Hillman

Sidney Hillman
Chairman

B. Smith

August 8, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copy of letter I have just sent the Canadian Pacific Railway. I received your letter with the news clippings concerning the increase in wages granted by the War Labor Board to the Canadian railroad workers. I hope we can go in and get this matter settled at an early date.

I am drafting some material on the Brotherhood Convention in Cleveland and will send it to you in the next few days.

When do you plan to take your vacation? Whatever time you may plan to take it I am having Totten send you a check for $100 for the same.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 10, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your communication of recent date in connection with the C.P.R. matter, and basing my judgment on the information at present, we will have to be governed by the $12.48 a month over the present wage rate not including the cost of living bonus which amounts to about $18.00 a month I am told.

If we are able to adjust it to that figure it will represent an approximate increase in wages over and above the basic rate, $30.50 per month not including what will accrue from a shorter working month of 240 hours of which I am certain we will have to accept as a basic month. There is also a back pay consideration effective as of September, 1943. In my judgement all things considered it will represent the approximate figure in wages of our proposals. There may probably be one, two or three dollars difference under the War Labor Board's decision assuming we are able to establish what is elsewhere-mentioned in our rate proposals and what we can get through negotiations under the Board's decision. If successful it is my considered judgment that this will be an excellent contract and will mark the turning point in the economic life of Negroes in the dominion of Canada.

For your further information it seems to me that I will not be able to consider any vacation until after the convention depending largely upon developments as much as I need to rest, and I believe I will confine it to some of these resorts here in Michigan. I am told that South Haven is an ideal place which is about 250 miles up the state, provided however it is not too cold at that time.

Everything else moves promisingly forward and we have filed our return with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and mailed out the information to all the divisions in the states under my supervision giving them a statement of their collections for the year of 1943 in fees, dues, and taxes, and the necessary information in filing same.

If not before, I will see you in Chicago August 20. The Madam asks to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph. With kindest personal regards permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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August 11, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

The attached is self-explanatory and I would like to have your observations on this matter as the Central Labor Body has called me and they are planning an affair on Tuesday night to determine those affiliated locals who will make donations, and I do not care to go on record as making this promise in the name of the Brotherhood unless I have some assurance as to your position.

Your observations will be deeply appreciated at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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International President
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August 12, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

The attached is self-explanatory and may I have your reactions in connection with same? Any additional information I am able to obtain, the same will be forwarded to you.

With kindest personal regards permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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August 7, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir & Bro.
I am again addressing you in interest of the Porters of the N.C. & St.L.Ry. I am informed that no communication has been received from you on the matter of their organization. This is a important to them and something should be dône while the enthusiasm is as it is. Please refer to my last letter and write Mr. White, Jefferson St. as requested.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Steve Frierson

Steve Frierson

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August 12, 1944

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Mr. Steve Frierson
1046 - 29th Ave. North
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Frierson:

This will acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication under date of August 7 in connection with the organization of the train porters on the N.C. and St. L. railroad.

For your information I requested of Brother Wm. Royster, our local secretary of the Nashville Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, located at 1612 Jefferson Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, under date of June 5th to contact you and determine the number of train porters in the employe of the above-mentioned road with a view of organizing you into a train porters local of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters which accounts for the delay in your hearing from me. However, I am referring your letter to Brother A. Philip Randolph, our International President, and this is your assurance that serious consideration will be given to your request.

During the interim kindly inform me as to the number of train porters in the employe of the railroad company elsewhere-mentioned operating in or out of the division of Nashville.

In appreciation of your cooperation and with kindest personal regards permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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FEDERATION OF LABOR TEMPLE CO.
82 West Montcalm Street
DETROIT 1, MICHIGAN

August 10, 1944

To the Officers of all Local Unions,
Delegates to the Federation of Labor,
and Members of Fund Raising Committee.

Dear Sir and Brother:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

to set aside all and sundry other business at the peril of missing a good time. Attend the mid-way jamboree of the Labor Temple Fund Raising Campaign next Tuesday evening.

Entertainment and refreshments will be furnished; and a report will be made by the captains showing the progress that has been made in the drive.

We want you and all of the officers of your local union, as well as the delegates of the Federation of Labor, to be present.

Come and see what is being done to raise the mortgage on Labor's Home.

We have arranged with the weather man to have a comfortable evening. Speeches will be held to an absolute minimum. Now, all we need is your cooperation.

Hope you will be with us next Tuesday.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Frank X. Martel

Frank X. Martel, President
FEDERATION OF LABOR TEMPLE CO.

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August 16, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 208
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed letters that are self-explanatory. I have sent for a copy of the "Findings and Directions" of the War Labor Board.

I received your letter of August 14th with copy of letter to Brother C. S. Wells from the Advertising Display and Decorations Company on the matter of decorating places for the Brotherhood Convention. May I say that we would not need any decorations for any place but the Cleveland Auditorium. According to the estimate this will cost about $110. Upon reflection I don't think it is necessary to have any decorations of stores and buildings in the Negro community. We will have a big sign before the Majestic Hotel, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, which you may send to Brother Wells.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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August 14, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

The attached is self-explanatory in connection with the cost for decorations. I am forwarding it to you for your consideration and suggestions with respect to instructing Wells to go ahead with the matter. Your consideration will be appreciated.

Wells also informs me that he does not trust the Majestic crowd although they are part of his group, and I am of the opinion also that we should have this or some company to submit a price for the decorations or sign at the hotel and we pay for it ourselves. It will be appreciated by me if we can have some idea as to the type of sign you want on either side of the hotel so that we can get a statement submitted as to the cost.

Everything else moves promiseingly forward and I appreciate the bulletin with respect to the disgruntles in connection with the back pay.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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August 10, 1944

Mr. C. S. Wells
2103 East 71st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wells:

At this time we are pleased to give you the following rental quotation on the decorations for the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters to be held September 18 - 22, 1944 at the Central Y.M.C.A., Phyllis Wheatley Association and the Cleveland Public Auditorium respectively.

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| Central Y.M.C.A. - | Outdoor decoration over Center Windows | |
| | 1 large American Fan draped, 2 pulldowns | 10.00 |
| | Assembly Room | |
| | Drape Speakers Table | 6.00 |
| | 2 American Flags on standards to bank table (Incl. decorative standards, poles, flags and silk roping) | 10.00 |
| | 1 sign 22" x 28" on easel outisde door (as per copy) | 3.50 |
| Phyllis Wheatley Association - Gym | | |
| | 12 Chrome upholstered chairs in red | 24.00 |
| | Drape stage in blue velour 16' high | 75.00 |
| | Drape pulpit in blue velour | 5.00 |
| | 1 Silk American and Canadian Flag on standard on either end of stage | 10.00 |
| | 1 sign 22" x 28" on easel outside door of gym (as per copy) | 3.50 |
| | 1 line sign on drape (as per copy) | 7.50 |
| Cleveland Public Auditorium - Arena | | |
| | Drape two clocks on opposite side | N.C. |
| | 26 Clusters of flags over arches on Arena Floor - 2 American, 1 Canadian | 75.00 |
| | 30' x 50' Silk American Flag on Stage Drape | 20.00 |
| | 1 American, 1 Canadian Flag on standards on either end of stage | 10.00 |
| | Flittered sign on stage curtain, proportional to flag (as per copy) | 15.00 |
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B. Smith

August 16, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I think if we can get the Agreement for the Canadian Pacific porters all signed up for the wage increase granted by the War Labour Board with some good, sound grievance rules and a work month with reasonable hours, I think we will have a good contract. I agree with you that I don't think we will be able to get a work month less than 240.

Will see you in Chicago, August 20th. With kindest regards to the Madam, I am

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Same letter to Bradley and Dellums

B Smith

August 17, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 206
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I would advise that you write your local divisions to get ready to make a drive to collect the Tax when the back pay is given the men on or about the first of September. Now in the small districts I don't think men ought to be paid to get off their job because it will be too great an expense to the Organization. You can judge which districts you want to pay a man to collect the Tax.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B. Smith

August 17, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

On the matter of the organization of the train porters of N.C. & St. L. Railroad may I say that we probably will have to take them in and write an agreement sometime when you or Mac are in that section. I understand there are a small group of porters involved and we will never collect enough dues from them to pay for a trip to negotiate a contract. What do you think about this?

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B Smith

August 17, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of "leeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Concerning the request of the Wayne County Federation for a contribution of $100 from the Brotherhood, may I say that you might advise Martel at the meeting that the Brotherhood will contribute a $100. Enclosed is a check for same.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Bennie Smith

September 5, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thank you for the information contained in your letter under date of September 1, 1944 in connection with the Indianapolis situation.

For your information, this group has had the information with respect to eligibility for office holders and it is my information that efforts since July 1944, has been made to hold an election, and that may be better explained by the signature on the so-called affidavit, did not put in an apperance at the various scheduled meetings nor for the purpose of participating in the nominations and elections after they learned the facts as to who was eligible to hold offices for the ensuing term and if my memory serves me right, only one of the undersigned on the affidavit was eligible for any office. All others could not qualify, however, referring this matter to the secretary at Detroit to furnish me with the information and forward to you a copy of the eligible list of office holders that was sent to Indianapolis with all instructions in ample time and with the additional information that failure to have paid their Job Security tax would not disqualify a member from holding an office providing, however, he met the qualifications otherwise. In addition thereto, it is not unknown to this group of men as to the eligible voters as well as the eligible office holders for the ensuing term. It might interest you to know that every signature on this purported affidavit are a group of whiskey drinking, card playing club members who carry on activities outside of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters of their Division. They have an office all setup for the purpose.

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I believe you will recall that this question was raised during our last visit to Indianapolis with Sister Allen, President of the Auxiliary in meeting assembled exposed this whole group. I suggest that in your reply ask them to kindly inform you if any of these signatures were unfinancial during the period two years preceding the election, not including Job Security Tax. I will have my secretary to forward you all the necessary information pertaining to the eligibility and the dates of when this group or that portion thereof became unfinancial that disqualified them from holding an office. It may also be well to request of them the information as to what the minutes discloses with respect to their attendance of meetings in the Brotherhood meeting places during the past six months.

Will arrange for the placards but it will be next week before we will be able to get them out. It will be necessary to have cuts made of each of the pictures to be placed on the placards, possibly Monday or Tuesday of next week we will be able to start with the distribution.

The 20,000 circulars will be out the latter part of the week. They were unable to furnish us red or green paper and we accepted the white paper run off in blue ink which will make a nice setup and an apparent change in color. It is our information that these people have to take what stock they can get and therefore have no selections. We can, however, get a canary color but I thought the other would be sufficient.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
2nd International President

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B. Smith

September 27, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to advise that you make reservations for rooms at Mrs. Shaw. We shall plan to leave on the 16th. We probably ought to plan to have a meeting of our Agreement Committee before we go into meeting with the Company and I shall write the Company to set the time at 2 p.m. October 17th so that we may have the morning to meet with the Agreement Committee.

Fraternally,

APR:ha

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B Smith

October 2, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks very much for your recent communication and your very kind remarks in connection with the success of the convention and may I say it could not have been the success it was without your guidance.

For your information I have mailed a letter to Mrs. Shaw of Montreal informing her that we plan to arrive on or about October 16th. I am sure she will be prepared to care for us.

I agree with you that this was the greatest convention ever held in the history of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and as evidence of that fact one of our members who was delinquent with his tax was given a program of our mass meeting and asked if he was a member by a passenger and wanted to know how many porters on the train were members of this organization, and he explained that he and several others were in attendance at our mass meeting on the 17th and apparently were surprised to know how well we had organized the women. As a result of his talking with this porter praising the organization the porter came down, paid up to date including his tax, and showed me the program that was handed him.

I will write you more in detail later. Kindly remember the Madam and I to Mrs. Randolph and with kindest personal regards I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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October 6, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that due to the accumulated matter during my six weeks out of the office I have not been able to get a minutes rest and I will be very busy from the present outlook up until I take my departure for Montreal.

Brother Blanchette has written me quite a lengthy letter informing me that some of the members are disturbed because of the employment of white porters in the C.P.R. We shall have to deal with that matter when we are negotiating the agreement. However since we have no color clause I explained to Brother Blanchette that our first step should be to bring these porters regardless to race into the organization. That, however, we may go into in detail later.

You might let me know as to the date we shall arrive in Montreal. We have a commissary case here in Detroit Monday and Brother Coward informs me that we have another commissary case on the 18th in Montreal.

The Madam joins me in kindest personal regards to you and your Madam.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MH

B. Smith

October 11, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

When I come out to Detroit, January 7th, to speak at the YMCA, I want to suggest that you plan meetings for the porters for January 8th and 9th at one o'clock each day, and meetings for the Auxiliary the evening of the 8th, and the March On Washington Movement the evening of the 9th and meetings for the car cleaners January 10th and 11th.

May I also advise that you plan to hold meetings in Indianapolis, where we shall go from Detroit, for the porters the afternoons of the 15th and 16th of January, and the Ladies Auxiliary the evening of the 15th, and the car cleaners the 17th, and the March the evening of the 17th.

From Indianapolis, we shall go to Columbus, Ohio. Have them arrange meetings for the 18th and 19th. You can plan to have them hold a public meeting on the evening of the 18th at one of the churches. My subject will be, "What Will Happen to the Negro Worker When the War Ends?" Also arrange for car cleaners meeting in Columbus the afternoon of the 19th.

From Columbus, we will go to Louisville, Kentucky. We can plan to hold a public meeting in Louisville, the evening of January 20th, and meetings for the Brothers, January 20th and 21st at one o'clock, and for the car cleaners January 22nd and 23rd. Also have a meeting arranged for the Ladies Auxiliary on the 23rd to be held in the afternoon or evening.

From Louisville, we will go to Nashville. Kindly arrange meeting for the public on the evening of the 24th, and meetings for the porters, the 25th, 26th at one o'clock, and a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary the evening of the 25th, and the car cleaners the 27th, and the March, the 28th,

From Nashville, we will go to Cincinnati for a public meeting on the 30th and 31st, and meetings for the porters, February 1,2,3,4, and the car cleaners meeting on the 5th, and train porters meeting of the C.& O, B.& O., and L.& N. on the 6th. On the public meeting in Cincinnati, we are building Brother Webster and myself. Brother Webster will speak on "The Negro, Organized Labor and FEPC, and I shall speak on "The Negro in War and Peace". We need to do quite some work in Cincinnati to get this group of men aroused and moving.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Smith

October 12, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of October 6th informing me of the letter you received from Brother Blanchette concerning the employing of white porters by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. I received a similar letter from Brother Petgrave and also one from one of the brothers in Vancouver. There is no remedy for this except organization and the securing of a contract with the Company. I will expect to see you in Canada the morning of October 17th.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B Smith

October 19, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

On Friday, Optober 13th, Brother Webster and myself held a conference with Mr. Champ Carry, Executive Vice-President of the Pullman Company, on the practice of conductors unloading porters. It was agreed at the conference that the management and the Brotherhood would get together the various instances where porters have been unloaded, and that they would be studied in a conference between the Management and the Brotherhood, with a view to determining the proper methods for handling this affair.

Therefore, I want to request you to write letters to your local divisions urging them to send you all instances where porters have been unloaded during the past two years, and current instances where porters are still unloaded. You may send this material to the International Headquarters for use in the aforementioned conference which will be arranged after we have secured a reasonable number of cases of porters who have been unloaded by conductors.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B Smith

October 19, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

On Friday, October 13th, Brother Webster and myself held a conference with the management of the Pullman Company concerning vacation with pay. It was agreed at the conference that the porters would be paid for seven consecutive days, to be based upon the first half of October.

It was also agreed, that in 1945, definite plans would be set in motion to provide that each and every porter who is entitled to a vacation with pay, shall receive same, and that the allocation of the vacation time for the porters would be worked out by a joint committee of the Pullman management and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in the various individual districts and agencies.

You will receive a copy of the statement on said conference, which you may send to your local presidents.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Smith

October 25, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed itinerary for you and myself covering most of your zone. I hope you will write each of the presidents and secretary-treasurers of the districts we will visit, and inform them of the dates we will be there, and of the types of meetings we will hold. Kindly urge them to begin immediately on the public meetings, so that they will have ample time to publicize the meetings with circulars and placards, and also in the local papers and churches.

I am enclosing, herewith, material that may go on the circulars and placards, as well as in the local papers.

In Cincinnati, you will note that we will have Brother Webster at the public meeting and also during the entire week, since we want to make quite a drive in Cincinnati, since it is a large district and needs some concentrated propaganda and organizational work.

No doubt the Ladies Auxiliary will want to plan to have some things, and so you can send them the program of their respective districts as soon as you can, as we want to get them started.

I hope that we may be able to get a good deal of authorization cards signed by the car cleaners in the various districts, and I wish you would advise the local officials to advise the car cleaners that you and I expect to establish locals of the car cleaners while we are there.

If you are in need of additional authorization cards, let me know, and I will have Brother Totten send them to you.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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M. P. Webster, First International Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Bennie Smith, Second International Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Cincinnati, Ohio

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B. Smith

October 25, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am back in New York and hope that you have arrived home safe.

May I suggest that you personally make out some sample time sheets, demonstrating how time is computed and recorded on time sheets for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, so that you may have them to present to Mr. A. B. Smith upon our return, November 8th. It will be well for you to make these out yourself in order that they may be accurate.

I hope you will write up the notes on our conference, so that they may be available for us upon our return. I hope we will be able to sign the agreement when we return. This will be an epoch making event for the colored people of the Dominion of Canada and the porters in particular.

Kindly remember me to Hazel. I hope she has had an enjoyable trip.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B. Smith

October 27, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I had a very pleasant trip on my return.

Many of the dining car stewards and the waiters were unusually nice to me seeking information as to the progress made, and they had much criticism to direct at their officials of the dining car employees. I was able, however, to get them to accept the view that inasmuch as this was their first trade-union agreement, of necessity they should give their officials all their support and cooperation with a view of continually improving upon the conditions obtained.

For your further information so soon as I can find the time we will write up this matter to refresh our memories when we return. Now a word in connections with the two for one basis. The way it is applied it is two hours rest for each hour of credited service less deductions enroute if any which means that in a total elapsed time of twenty hours, four hours rest period, it would be sixteen hours of credited service and then the sleep deduction of four hours on the two for one basis would be two times twelve which is twenty-four. We can explain that easy enough when the time comes. First we want them to work out and set up the schedules of operation. I will, however, comply with your request in working out and simplifying the matter of application of the two for one rule.

As usual I found much accumulated matter on my return and so soon as I am able to dispose of same I will write you more in detail.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Randolph and with kindest personal regards permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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Oct 31 - 44

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd Int. Vice President B of S C P

Dear Brother Smith

Your letter dated Oct. 27 - 44 received. In reference to errors made in listing the accounts of A. Woods and G. R. Waddy you are absolutely correct in your findings. As to E. T. Simmons, I collected his 1942 tax to-day. I have just attended our monthly meeting, I was severely criticized for trying to teach our membership to respect you and your office. If you remember I told you I was not worthy of lost time compensation but now Jordan, Owens, Roland and Phillips are terribly upset because I was removed from the grievance committee. I will give you credit for being a good mind reader by your removing me from that position. I was asked why you did so, I told them that you thought more time should be given to my record books and not having any thing to do with the grievance committee. In fact I told them you ordered me to attend to my books and let all else alone. Of course I did not state really as your instructions were given because I did not consider such their business. I told Jordan & members that if such confusion and fighting were not eliminated on account of you I would be forced to stop attending meetings. Jordan states that he will not obey your orders. He needs to be done away with for the good of the organization. So for the good of the order set him in his place. He plans to write you asking you to appoint me as a member of the grievance committee. Kindly ignore his request. E. E. Dotson is not a member of the organization so no Brotherhood committee represented him. I will send you my report soon.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Wm Royster

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November 2, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that I have mailed out to the local officers instructions with respect to our planned meetings January and February next year in order that they may have ample time to prepare for same. I have only mentioned the presence of Brother Webster in one division which is Cincinnati. If, however, he will be able to be present at any of our other meetings I can write them in that connection later.

For your further information the attached copy of letter over the signature of Brother Royster of Nashville is self-explanatory, and I am unable to understand just why this bird Jordan wants to set himself up in opposition to carrying out instructions. He had been accusing me of making Royster the pet of the division which was supposed to be the chief cause of all of his complaints and since I have tried to appease this bird by appointing men of his avowed friendship to work with him on the committee and since they have declined, Phillips and James, it now appears that he wants to do everything contrary to what I suggest. In other words, he does not apparently intend to take any instructions from me. I had a letter from him a few days ago informing me that he was the president of the division and in that position, he tried to make me understand, that he was the sole boss. In short, that he doesn't have to take my instructions.

Now there is only one thing to do with a bird like this. I am going to let him go on until he breaks his own neck and in due time I intend to make him understand that if he is not big enough to take orders which is the policies and program of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, he is not big enough to issue orders to the membership of his division, and if we can't get along with him we can get along without him because I will file charges personally that he is guilty of conduct unbecoming a local official of the division. I don't think we can permit a guy who took a vacation until two years ago to become president of the division and attempt to defy the instructions of the International officials. If this condition is permitted to go unchallenged others will attempt to follow suit and we will have endless trouble. I would however, like to suggest that you insist upon him to forward you all the communication wherein in his judgment he feels that I have done something in the manner of instructing him that I should not have done. In short, some basis for his opposition.

Looking forward to seeing you in Montreal barring the unforeseen on the eighth, and with kindest personal regards permit me to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MH

Smith

November 21, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1506 Broadway, Room 306
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I read with quite some annoyance the letter in which you pointed out that Brother Jordan is not inclined to accept your instructions. If he continues to take that attitude, we will have no other alternative than to take him out. As you say, we should wait until we get there and go into the whole matter, so that the men can see just what his attitude is and how it injures the local division. We can't have anybody defying the International Organization.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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November 21, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
227½ South Rampart Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Brother Randolph:

The attached copy of letter addressed to you over the signature of Mr. MacLean of Ottawa that I referred to yesterday in my communication is self-evident of our contentions.

Will write you more in detail later.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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November 27, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
227½ South Rampart Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Brother Randolph:

After giving some thought to the agreement tentatively agreed to with the C.P.R. I am convinced that the idea in the back of their mind is to still maintain company domination and control, but despite that fact I think that you have taken an indefensible position. After all, this conscription matter that has arose in the Canadian Parliament may ultimately result in a new government anyway, and we will have a better break with a new government.

For your further information I was down this morning and attempted to get excused from jury service. I believe I told you I was summoned for jury duty on December 1st. I was not able to make the proper contact and the inference was that I would not get excused but I may get it changed to a different time. I am going back again Wednesday and I will inform you of developments.

In compliance with your request I released the agreement committee on Friday November the 17th and McLaughlin sent in a bill for $422.75 for his services October 14th to November 25th. Now I am not so sure as to the date that you requested his being off but I am confident that he is pressing this thing a little bit. Barring the unforeseen, I think in the future it will be well to let Blanchette represent Vancouver in matters of this nature as it will hardly be necessary to call all of them back again, especially those from the extreme West Coast as they seem to have very much difficulty in determining when they are due out.

Before leaving Montreal a committee headed by D. Baird of the Canadian National called on me and explained that they were planning to come out of the C. B. of R. E. and join the Brotherhood, and that he was advising the members to quit paying their dues in the C. B. of R. E. as they did not feel that they were getting the proper representation and aside from that their place was with the Brotherhood, and he wanted to know if we would consider authorizing him to proceed with the securing of applicants. I told him that I would take up the matter with you and we would notify him later. Now you will note that in the pamphlet of labor regulations I mailed to you that once the contract has been signed it is automatically in effect for at least one year with a sixty day notice provision, and I am inclined to believe that not only must consideration be given to that particular but we no doubt will have to face jurisdictional action.

Everything else moves promiseingly forward and I will keep in touch with you.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MH

1929 Parker St.
Vancouver, B. C.
November 24, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
B.S.C.P/ Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You will note I showed arrival in Vancouver, B.C. Nov. 22nd instead of Nov. 23rd in order to deduct per diem of $500, as I remained in Montreal one day after official release.

Fraternally yours

Bro W J. McLaughlin

1929 Parker St.
Vancouver, B. C.
November 25, 1944

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with W. J. McLaughlin, member of agreement committee representing Vancouver District, B.S.C.P. for services rendered from October 14th to November 25th inclusive,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| At $150.00 per month, Oct. 14th to Oct. 30th | = | $85.00 |
| " 5.00 " diem, " " " " " | = | 85.00 |
| " 150.00 " month, " 31st " Nov. 3rd | = | 20.00 |
| " 150.00 " " Nov 4th " " 21st | = | 90.00 |
| " 5.00 " diem " " " " 21st | = | 90.00 |
| " 150.00 " month " 22 " " 25th | = | 20.00 |
| Attached receipts for lower standard berth from Vancouver to Montreal, Oct 14th | = | 24.80 |
| Attached receipts for lower standard berth, night rate, Yale to Sicamous, Nov. 4 | = | 2.60 |
| Attached receipts for upper standard berth, Swift Current to Calgary, Nov. 20 | = | 2.35 |
| Attached receipts for upper standard berth, Sicamous to Vancouver, Nov. 21 | = | 3.00 |
| Total | | $422.75 |

Very sincerely yours

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B. Smith

December 5, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 306
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I am writing up the matter on the rules not agreed upon by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, and am sending them to the Canadian National War Labour Board for decision. It may be necessary for you and I to go to Ottawa pretty soon.

I suppose we will be required to submit the rules on in-charge pay and student porters, and request Company to join us.

I would advise that you plan immediately to get tickets to cover the places in your zone that we have scheduled. Be sure to arrange to get a compartment or drawing room for us out of the southern points. No doubt, we will have seats from Indianapolis to Columbus, and Columbus to Cincinnati for daylight rides, seats from Cincinnati to Louisville, and a drawing room from Louisville to Nashville, and I suppose we will have to Jim Crow it from Nashville to Chattanooga, but we should have bed rooms out of Chattanooga to New York, and you to Detroit. Kindly arrange for these.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 5, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

I was glad to hear your voice over the phone yesterday and also proud to learn of your success at the convention and safe return.

Attached find the examples in connection with the C. P. R. Agreement that I mentioned to you over the phone. They may at first appear complicated due to the twenty-four hour system in Canada. However, beginning at one o'clock p.m they regard it as thirteen o'clock and so on through the twenty-four hours, and while they are hardly necessary, it is to enlighten district officials as to the application of the lay-overs at an away-from-home station patterned after Pullman rules somewhat.

I believe I explained to you that the C.N.R. has gone back for the 208 hour basic month and punative time, and while I don't believe they will be given much consideration, in case we go to Ottawa we may feel them out on punative time in excess of 240 hours. I hardly believe, under the war time control, that we will be able to get that even.

Now in connection with our trip to Indianapolis, Columbus, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville and Chattanooga, we will not be able to get a round trip ticket due to the fact that we are doubling back over a portion of our trip and I will gather all the rates and see what can be done with respect to reservations especially from Louisville to Nashville, Chattanooga and return. It may be that after we purchase the tickets we can wire the various local officials of the

Brotherhood the number of the ticket to make the reservation in case I am unable to make them here. I am trying again today to see what can be done.

While on the subject, the attached letter is self-explanatory in connections with our visit to Columbus. Although I have requested that if possible he will try to secure hotel accommodations, you may let me have your reactions.

I am writing Cincinnati today again advising them what to do as I do not see any possible chance to visit Cincinnati prior to our visit there.

Everything else moves promiseingly forward and I am requesting Webster to be with us at Detroit and Cincinnati if possible. Keep up the good work and Hazel joins me in kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Randolph.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MH

Columbus 3, Ohio
Dec. 3, 44.

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
Detroit Michigan

Dear Brother Smith

This is to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter of Nov 2rd to the Columbus Division.

We note therein that you and Brother Randolph plan to meet with the Ladies Auxiliary at 4:00 p.m. on the 18th of Jan.

In conjunction with the Brothers of this division we are planning a dinner for you and Brother Randolph for 8:00 p.m. of the 18th.

If this meets with your approval please let know at your earliest possible convenience, so that we may proceed with our arrangements.

During your stay in our city this time my husband and I would like very much to have you stop with us in our home. We have lots of room and Hotels in Columbus being as they are, we are sure you will both be more comfortable with us. Looking forward to an early reply. I am yours fraternally.

Mrs. Frances Dyer

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Cincinnati O.
11/29/44

Mr. Bennie Smith

Dear Sir:

I am requesting your presents here about 10, 11, or 12 of December for meeting with local. There are a lots of local details to straighten out before meeting here in January.

I was elected Chairman of Local, and it is obvious it is to your displeasure, "In Accordance with General Rules." I sense the above from lack of communication I have acted in this capacity since election, but I have nothing to tell the men outside of local happenings.

It is impossible to hold meeting always, on that outside of fact holding men together. I don't feel like I am asking to much of you as your appearance here is long over due. Close to 3 years. I am looking for return answer stating your presents here on one our all of above dates. Let me know in time so I can get cards out to all members.

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Carl Berry
522 Armory Ave.
Cincinnati 14, Ohio

NOTATION:

I didn't know that Berry had been elected, in fact I didn't know that they had an election in Cincinnati due to the fact that there was only one man eligible for office, W. C. Lee, Secretary-treasurer, but I wrote him since.

Bennie Smith

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
Office of the Manager
Sleeping, Dining and Parlor Cars and
News Service

T. M. McKeown
Manager.

MONTREAL, (3) 27th November 1944

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Bennie Smith, Esq.,
International Vice-President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
Tobin Building,
1308 Broadway,
Detroit (26), Mich.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with understanding at the time of our conference, I am sending you three (3) mimeographed copies of page 7 of the tentative agreement, which shows examples of layovers applicable to incompleted, regular and irregular service.

I am forwarding copies of these examples to each Superintendent for delivery to the local committee, so that they may include in their copies of the tentative agreement.

Yours truly,

/s/ T M McKeown

Manager

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December 7, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

I am in receipt of a letter from Petgrave of Toronto in which he informs me that the Management is posting notices on the bulletin boards informing the porters that through the negotiations with the porters committee and the Management the porters will be allowed to take their rest in an upper berth and so forth, and that apparently the Management is acquainting not only the porters but other running trades with the tentative agreement.

Petgrave seems to be somewhat excited but there is no reason because I am of the opinion that this is a face saving proposition on the part of the Management in an effort to make the running trades believe that there has been no change in the past practices of the C.P.R. Management in dealing with their employees. However, in view of the indefensible position that the Management has taken especially in connection with the signature and representation rule, it is my considered opinion that they realize the fact that they will have to move over.

Everything else moves promiseingly forward and I w
touch with you.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith
Second International V

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December 9, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that the attached is self-explanatory in connection with what the C.P.R. Management is putting out to the agreement committee.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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CANADIAN PACIFIS RAILWAY COMPANY.
file or claim 100-8.

Calgary, December 4th, 1944.

Porter P.T.Clay.

I am attaching specimen time-sheet, also copy of instructions in regard to the entries on these time-sheets, which will go into effect after the new agrweement is signed.

This information will enable you to study the system, with a view to instructing employees, so that they will be ready and will understand what is required in making up slips as soon as the Agreement is signed. The system is very complicated, and it is, therefore, necessary that all porters understand just what is required, so that they will be in a position to properly submit their time-sheets without delay.

I am also encloseing mimeographed copy of page 7 of the Agreement, which was left out of the copy handed you in Montreal on completion of the business.

/S/ W.A.Macfarland.
Superintendent.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Louisville, Ky.
December 10, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith, 2nd Vice
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Bro:-

Writing to informe you that we were unable to obtain the Hall of which we spoke when we wrote you last, but we have obtained a church that I think will seat about eleven or maybe twelve hundred and we are going to fill that to capacity.

We would like to make a slight change in the time for the meeting from 3 P.M. to 3:30 or 4:00 P.M. instead. My committee asked for this change if same is aggreable with you. I am meeting with real cooperation from the local also auxiliary, everything is running smoothly. Are you to appear on program? If so let me know; that will help me to round out the rest of the program. You can at your convience send me the form of publicity of which you spoke.

I have thought that immediately after the holidays would be the time to begin our intensive publicity, after the minds of the people are off the holidays and we could keep the occassion before them constantly. What do you think, Of course there are several things I hope to discuss with you when you come. I am going along trying to await your arrival.

Hope you are well, also the family,

Yours Fraternally,

Arthur Hansbro, Pres.,
212 Magazine St.,
Louisville 2, Ky.

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B Smith

December 12, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Totten has shown me the check from the Santa Fee porters down in Texas. The men are coming through. We started a series of meetings, but the first one wasn't an overflow as we usually have on the first day.

We will work out the itineraries for Florida and Texas. I think we ought to go to Florida first, because it is warm there in February when it is quite cold here. What do you think of this? We can go to Texas the latter part of March.

I got Henry Epstein busy on the federal court decision affecting the Pullman structure. I guess he will charge us a handsome fee too, because he is on the order of Samuel Untermeyer and Charles Evans Hughes and that group, but he seems to like our movement, because he has got so much business that he doesn't take on any more business clients, as a rule, but only clients he will work for nothing for that have some humane angle. Our case with him, however, is a straight business legal case, which, no doubt, he will put a high fee upon.

I told the men about it today at the meeting, and they were vociferous with applause.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B. Smith

December 12, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 505
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I would suggest that you try to get us reservations at that hotel in Columbus, since we would prefer not to stop in a private home, but be sure to let the hotel know that we want those two adjoining roomswith bath, otherwise we will not stop there. When we get to Indianapolis, it will be necessary for us to go into the local situation there and get that group straightened out. The same will have to be done with the Nashville group, so that these groups will know that they have got to observe the discipline required of them by the zone supervisor.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 12, 1946

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 9th with enclosure from Brother Clay. It seems that the CPR is becoming resigned to the Agreement with the Brotherhood.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B Smith

December 13, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 306
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I received your letter with enclosures from Mrs. Dyer and Brother Carl Berry of Cincinnati. It is apparent that Brother Berry needs to be straightened out with respect to the work and program of the Brotherhood as well as the role of the Local Division. We will do that when we visit Cincinnati.

I also note the letter from Mr. McKeown, Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company and copy of the time sheet with three examples on lay-overs. The examples appear to be all right. I have not checked them.

It appears that the Company is ready to put in effect the agreement as shown by their plans to enable the Management to understand how to make out the time of the porters.

I note the expenses for Brother L. J. McLaughlin. Since he has it itemized I guess we will have to pay it.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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Bennie Smith

December 15th, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room [illegible]
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie,

Kindly send the names of the members of the the local Executive Board of the Detroit Division, so that we may include them when we carry the picture you sent us for the Black Worker.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph,
International President

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December 14, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 W. 125th St., #301,
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Thanks for your letter under date of December 12, 1944, suggesting my making reservations at the Litchford Hotel in Columbus. For your information, a few days ago I mailed a letter to Mrs. Frances Jones, the lady in charge requesting the two rooms we had previously, but up to the present I have not yet had a reply. Also in addition I requested of one of our men at Columbus to contact Mrs. Jones with a view of pressing our request.

For your further information it has not yet developed that I am going to be able to make all necessary reservations in connection with our journey to the southland. I am trying again today.

Brother Woods of Chatanooga, informed me that he would endeavor to arrange for a drawing room, Chatanooga-Chicago. Now it may be that we will have to use such methods in the various places. In either case you will be informed.

Hazel asked to be remembered to you and Mrs. Randolph; with kindness personal regards, permit me to remain

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice-President

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B Smith

December 18, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 W. 125th St., #301,
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Following are the names for the pictures sent from Detroit some time ago: S. J. Whitaker, John Howell, W. M. Alexander, A. Aery, K. Miller and L. Taylor.

For your information I have just received a letter from Mrs. Lucinda Jones of Louisville, the place where we usually stop, informing me that she would be unable to accommodate us due to her house being filled to capacity nor would she be able to prepare meals, so I will write the president of the division and have him arrange for a place for us.

A letter from Columbus informs me that they have arranged the program and the mass meeting will be held at the Second Baptist Church, at 8:00 P.M. on the seventeenth. May I also ask if it is your desire that public mass meetings be held in each of the divisions that we will visit not including Indianapolis. I will appreciate the information as to this phase of the program so as to push the various ones in the various divisions when the mass meetings will be held.

The Y.M.C.A. called me the other day wanting to know your subject as they plan to give some publicity to the meeting.

Everything else moves promising forward, and I will keep in touch with you.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MT

B Smith

December 18, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Kindly bill Web to speak at the series of meetings in Detroit that you plan to hold from January 8th.

Now, I wish you would change the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary from the night of Monday, January 8th to Tuesday night, January 9th, and shift the car cleaners meeting which was to be held on the 8th to some other period, since I am to speak at Flint, Michigan the night of the 8th. I hope you will be sure to look after this.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B. Smith

December 20 , 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Find enclosed copies of letters that are self-explanatory. I think that you and I should go to Ottawa and take up the question of the rules not agreed upon by the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company so that we will know just what is going on. I would advise that you get reservations for Ottawa leaving on the 31st so as to be able to arrive on the 1st. I will do the same thing.

Since Potgrave runs to Ottawa you might write him and advise him of the time we are arriving so that he may go with us. If you think it is necessary to have Victor I. Coward to meet us there you can suggest that he be there also. We won't need any of the others to meet with us.

I note from your letter that it isn't convenient to get a round trip ticket with Pullman reservations. I thought you would have some difficulty on this score. I therefore would suggest that you write your local officers to buy tickets and Pullman reservations for us where we cannot get them. I am glad you are getting a drawing room out of Chattanooga to Chicago. Therefore, you might use this plan to get reservations for us and advise the local officers about it immediately because it does take thirty days in order to be certain that we will get them.

Kindly make reservations for me at the Gotham Hotel. I will arrive Sunday morning January 7th.

I would suggest that you find out from Webster when he will be able to come over to Detroit so that you can make reservations for him. You might also inquire of Burton when he is coming over so that you can make reservations for him.

I note the letter to you from Brother Arthur Hansbro, President of the Louisville Division suggesting that the time of our public meeting be changed from 8 p.m. to 3:30 p.m or 4. I would suggest that you advise him that it is perfectly all right.

May I also add that I have received the names of the Detroit Executive Board and the officers which we will carry in the Black Worker with the picture.

Everything moves promisingly forward.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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December 20, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 W. 125th St., #301,
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

I was glad to hear your voice over the phone, and this is to inform you that I am making reservations for Ottawa leaving Detroit, January 2, 1945, at 4:35 P.M., and due to arrive at Ottawa 7:30 A.M. Wednesday, January 3, 1945. I am not routed via Montreal, but I believe that it will be necessary for you to go via Montreal. However, I will look into the matter further and determine as to the time you should arrive at Ottawa.

For your information, I am writing Brother Petgrave today to meet us in Ottawa, January 3rd. It will be necessary for him to lose at least one trip, as his days in Ottawa are Tuesdays and Fridays of each week; and we are due to arrive in Ottawa on Wednesday, but we should finish up Wednesday and he can be back home Thursday morning for service Thursday night.

For your further information, I am writing the men in the various divisions to arrange for our transportation, and I think we will need in the neighborhood of two hundred ($200.00) dollars for our transportation Detroit-Chicago covering our various stops not including of course, the maintenance. In fact it is difficult to get the exact figure so you had better get enough, and we will know the cost after the trip is completed. If it is possible for me to get the exact figure, I will be glad to do so, but owing to the fact that some space will be seats; others drawing rooms, if possible and perhaps some lower berths, it is rather difficult to tell just what the cost will be.

I have made hotel reservations for you and Burton at the Gotham on January 6th through January 11th, and for Webster, January 8th through the 11th.

The C.P.R. ticket office just called to inform me that they were sold out Toronto-Ottawa, January 2, 1945. However, I may yet get some form of reservation. They will continue to try.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

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December 21, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 W. 125th St., #301,
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

A long distance call from Coward this morning informs me that the management is calling in the members of the Agreement Committee and submitting the schedule preparatory to putting into effect the unsigned agreement. Now whether this is the true status or not, I am in no position to say, as one must use his own judgment on second hand reports of an excited nature. It could however, be that the management is attempting by implication that they are dealing with an Employee Committee as heretofore, but regardless and in view of the tory trickery, I have sent the following telegram to each of the committeeman in Canada. If you so desire, you may follow this up with a letter:

"In all matters pertaining to tenative agreement submitted to you by the management, your position as one member of the Agreement Committee will send the matter to the International President for his consideration and action, and you will be governed accordingly."
Signed, Bennie Smith.

Since talking to you, I am sure that under the war time regulations, when a dispute arises in connection with negotiations of an agreement, we can envoke the services of whatever governmental agency to handle matters of such sort; and I am not unmindful of the fact that the C.P.R. is a powerful industry and wields a great influence in governmental circles in Canada; but I am convinced that the bigger they are, the harder they fall, and in view of the fact that they, the C.P.R. are on unsound ground and the United Nations have not yet won this war, we should take our cut, and if we lose, we will go down swinging.

Everything else moves promisingly forward and I will keep in touch with you.

I will announce Brother Webster's speaking in Detroit to the brotherhood family, car cleaners, and mowm, January 8th, 1945 through January 11th, 1945.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MT

B Smith

December 22, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 308
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

We are scheduled to have public meetings in Columbus, Jan. 17th, 8 p.m.; Cincinnati, January 21st, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Louisville, Jan. 28th, 4 p.m.; Nashville, February 1st, 8 p.m.; Chattanooga, February 7th, 8 p.m. I hope you will write all those places and ask them to advertize the meeting extensively, so as to make them a success, by sending notices to the churches and putting notices in the papers, as well as to get out circulars announcing that you and I will speak. In Cincinnati the circulars should include Brother Webster as one of the speakers. Brother Webster to speak on the subject, The Negro, Organized Labor, and FEPC, I will speak on the The Negro in War and Peace and you on the Achievements of the Brotherhood or to preside.

I would also prod your local divisions about having the members to contact the yard forces and car cleaners so that we may have good meetings for these workers in as much as we have got to get started on getting a conference with the Company in the near future, in fact as soon as you and I finish this trip since we ought to get enough authorization cards on this trip to warrant action. I would send ample authorization cards to all of your locals so that they will have them to get out to the car cleaners and yard forces and you might take some application blanks along with you or send them in advance .

Everything moves promisingly forward.

Fraternally,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

APR:ba

B. Smith

December 26, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Just a word to thank you for your letters of December 20 and 21st advising me concerning plans for transportation for you and I to certain points in your zone. I can understand how difficult it is to get an exact figure of the cost of transportation with the variable accommodations you will have to have. I will have Totten to send you $225 for our transportation so that you can purchase everything that is necessary and make the accounting to Totten at the end of the trip.

I note that you have made reservations for Brother Webster, Burton and myself at the Gotham Hotel.

Concerning the rumor that the Management has called in the members of the Agreement Committee to submit the schedule preparatory to putting it into effect sounds rather strange and most unusual. However when we get to Ottawa, Canada we will be able to determine just what is the case. Your telegram to the Local Divisions in the CPR concerning this matter was timely and proper.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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B Smith

December 26, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I hope you have wired Brother Petgrave to be with us in the conference with the National War Labour Board, Ottawa, Canada. I would suggest that you advise him to get off for this purpose. Also be sure to have him get reservations for us out of Ottawa the evening of the 3rd.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
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December 27, 1944

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 W. 125th St. #301,
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a word to say that Coward will meet you in Montreal on January 2nd, and it is my information your connections at Montreal leaving for Ottawa is 9:30 a.m.; due to arrive at Ottawa 12:45 p.m. That will give us the whole afternoon in Ottawa, which should be ample time provided schedule appointments can be made with the [illegible] minister of Labor and the Canadian War Labor Board, as I think they will be the only necessary agencies for us to contact at this time. You might see if that can be arranged. Coward will accompany you Montreal-Ottawa.

A letter from Brother Allen of Indianapolis informs me that he has made reservations leaving Indianapolis 4:55 p.m., January 16th for Columbus. He will pick up seat reservations and hold them for us.

One of our boys, Brother Hawkins, at Columbus will make seat reservations Columbus-Cincinnati. He was in to see me yesterday and requested your consideration with respect to having some attorney of the Van Guard League on the program. It will be o.k., I think if it was Brooks, but as I understand it, Brooks is in the army. Of course, he feels that the Van Guard League being on the program would be of an advantage in getting out the crowd. I told him that in that case I would act as chairman, as it will be necessary not to let some other group steal the show; and I think that I could handle it better then some of our local men; just in case you consider them being on the program. You might let me know your reactions.

A letter from Brother Royster of Nashville informs me that he has tried to secure pullman reservations for us Nashville-Chattanooga. He feels that he will be able to make them on or about January 5th, and they will not accept reservations more than thirty days in advance. He has secured hotel reservations for us at the Bryant House.

In compliance with your instrnctions, we are sending out letters for a drive on the car cleaners and yard forces. At Indianapolis it is my information that the car cleaners and mowm is joining with the Brotherhood and Ladies Auxiliary in an effort to make the meetings a success.

In columbus, it is my information that we only have about eight car cleaners; about fifty-fifty negro and white, but Steve will try to get them out. In fact he is going to send me the names and addresses and we are writing them from this office with a view of soliciting their membership and urging their attendance. I have not yet had a reply from the Litchford Hotel at Columbus in connections with Hotel reservations. I suggested to Steve to make personal contact and inform me OF developments. He suggested that we accept Sister Dyer's invitation TO stay at their home, and that they, the Dyers had recently purchased a new eight room homm; and that they comld take care of us nicely and really wants us to stop with them. Should it develop that there is no other alternative, we of course, Will accept. During the interim I am making every effort to secure hotel accommodations.

We are having some most unusual weather here in Detroit, and from all accounts, it is fairly general.

I will write you more in detail later.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President

BS:MT

December 29, 1944

Mr. Bennie Smith
Second International Vice-President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Room 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 27th informing me that Brother Coward will accompany me from Montreal to Ottawa. I am glad to know this.

Now, we have an appointment with MacLean of the Department of Labour for three o'clock, and I have wired the National War Labour Board for an appointment at 1:30.

I received the enclosed telegram from the National War Labour Board, but we shall confer with them just the same.

If we cannot get hotel reservations in Columbus, Ohio, we will stop with Sister Dyer.

I am glad you have sent letters to the various divisions urging them to start action on the car cleaners. It is also well that you are getting the local men to get reservations for us from the various points. I don't know whether the crackers will give us a reservation from Nashville to Chattanooga on the parlor car, but they may give us seats in the room.

We have had some bitter weather here, but it is beginning to break now.

It is alright to have a representative from the Vanguard League on the program, for this is a militant organization. Of course, you should preside as chairman, because they don't know what our program is, and we alone are prepared to present that to the public.

Kindly remember me to the madam.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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[Dec. 1944]

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,
International President,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
217 W. 125th St., #301,
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Brother Randolph:

Just a work to say that a letter from Velma informs me of the information that the C.P.R. is putting out among the porter group, and I am of the opinion according to the information contained in her letter that the object is the company is endeavoring to create some dissension by giving the conductors copies of the proposed agreement and they are telling some of the porters that they will lose money with reference to troop movements. Of course, neither they or Velma understands the extended tour rule, and I don't feel that we have anything to worry about, because if it is the intention of the mangement to create dissatisfaction among the porters by discussing with them through the sleeping car conductors our proposed agreement, they will be seriously disappointed unless all signs fail.

Now a word in connection with the local set-up in Detroit. I am attaching hereto a list of the local officers and members of the local executive board. Not all of the men are shown in the picture sent to your office.

For your further information I am still working on our transportation matter, and it seems to me that we will have to write our various local men for reservations from place to place, as it seems that we shall have to buy our tickets from place to place. The New York Central informed me that there would be no saving in purchasing a round trip ticket although they will make up a skelton ticket giving all the points and returns, and they asked that I pick up railroad tickets and berths to Indianapolis, January 12th, but I do not feel that it is necessary as I have no assurance of reservations beyond Indianapolis. They claim that thirty days notice in each reservation is necessary .

Will write you again in a few days.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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Second International Vice-Pres.

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B. Smith

January 3, 1945

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway, Rm. 305
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bennie:

I hope you have secured reservations for yourself, Web and myself at the Manse Hotel in Cincinnati.

Fraternally yours,

A. Philip Randolph
International President

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January 5, 1961

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
International President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Suite 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

A letter from Wells in addition to a long distant call requested yourself, Webb and me to attend a Brotherhood Membership Meeting with a view to reviving the Cleveland Division, as of Saturday night, January 14th.

Inasmuch as Webb will be in Louisville on Friday the 13th he thinks he will be able to be there for Saturday night, and inasmuch as the Cincinnati Division has two hearings scheduled for January 17th and has requested my presence, I could very well go on from Cleveland to Cincinnati and by so doing cover both places on the one trip, with your approval.

For your further information, Hazel and I received an invitation from the Kennedy Inaugural Committee to attend the Inaugural on January 20th, but I am sure that I will not be able to attend. Doubtless, Hazel will, barring the unforeseen.

I am writing Louisville today to get a group of our members together for Web for Friday night so that he can address them.

Hazel joins me in wishing for you and Buddy a very Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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May 19, 1967

Kennedy file

Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Internationa President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street, Suite 301
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

Referring to yours under date of May 16, and received in this office today. And I appreciate the information in connection with the determanation over the signature of David L. Cole.

In my opinion the next move is on the part of the opposition and that should be to move out of contintion barring the reaction of the P.R.R.

Keep up the good work, and more power to you.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie Smith

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